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TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

January 8, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comment

4. Approval of the Minutes for the December 11, 2001 Taxicab Commission's Meeting. [ACTION]

5. Approval of the Consent Calendar [ACTION]

6. Taxicab Commissioner Special Actions:
   A. Commissioners Announcements and requests to Calendar Items
   B. Approval of Special Commendations and or Letters of Appreciation: [ACTION]
      1) Driver Solomon Makonnen for being a Conscientious Taxicab Driver
      2) The San Francisco Police Department for apprehending the Bernal Heights Taxicab Robber.
   C. Approval of Letters of Request:
      1) Approval of a Resolution asking the City Attorney to Send a Letter to the Superior Court of San Francisco Requesting the Maximum Fine of the Infraction Penalties in Municipal Police Code Section 1185(c) and in the Future Draft an Ordinance to Amend Section 1185(c) to Increase the Infraction Penalties. (Letter, Resolution and Draft Ordinance) [ACTION]
      2) Approval of Letter of Support from the Taxicab Commission to the Parking & Traffic Commission for the expansion of the 555 California Taxicab Stand (Letter)[ACTION]

7. Staff Report

8. Hearing and Discussion of Guidelines for the Use of Taxicab "Wrap" Fees Collected. (Memo Executive Director)

9. Hearing to Consider Request by Mr. Raymond Fratini's Grandson to Have His Name Placed on Permit No. 141, Formerly Held by Mr. Raymond Fratini, In Lieu of the Permit Being Returned to the City and County of San Francisco. [ACTION] (Letter of Request)

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13. Adjournment

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Omar Abdou	Ramandeep Bajwa	Mohamed Belhassine	Douglas Cameron
Toan Cao	Mike Chounlamany	Marco Demiranda	Benny Doko
Tony Fan	Marci Ferrando	Mohamed Hamidi	Jimmy Gilg
Maung Htike	Krishan Humpal	Ahmad Haidery	Mark Hampton
Edward Kvietys	Bensalah Lahouari	Julio Moreira	Robert Nagle
Skander Ouachem	Kevin Nash	Hadi Parwana	Mahesh Pathak
Bonifacio Picazo	Michael Pryfogle	Carlos Rodriguez	Moysey Rozenblat
Flavia Sousa	Ajit Singh	Bhupinder Singh	Harjeet Singh
Paramjit Singh	Daniel Singman	Selim Tekaya	Kittipat Tawesooknirun
Reid Thomas	Thomas Wong		

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to:

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change	Effective Date
Alexander Beresnev	1028	National Cab to BW Checker Cab	01/09/2002
Dale Fuller	1266	Arrow Cab to Bay Cab	01/09/2002
Newell Heywood	84	Service Cab to Luxor Cab	01/09/2002
Michail Kipnis	1094	SF Taxi to Luxor Cab	01/09/2002
Reginald Saw	1126	SF Taxi to Regents Cab	01/09/2002

C. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Medallion Holder permits to

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Terry Chan	758	Luxor Cab Co.

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:	RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER
Sai M. Chiang	None

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change
Abdul Abu-Geith	908	Town Taxi to Yellow Cab
Joseph Allen	943	Yellow Cab to Big Dog City
Ali Bajani	769	Luxor Cab to Regents Cab
Charles Bernstein	307	National Cab to Desoto Cab
Isam Kayed	1036	Town Taxi to BW Checker Cab
Ilya Okun	1248	Alliance Cab to Luxor Cab

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Commission Chambers – Room 400
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Tuesday, January 8, 2002
6:30 PM

Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Sweet; Gillespie; Breslin; Franklin; Leong; McGuire; Weiner

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT SWEET AT 6:40 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi M. Little – Executive Director of the Taxicab Commission; Inspector Farrell Suslow, Lieutenant Bruce Lorin, Captain Thomas O'Neill – Taxi Detail.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Barry Taranto:** (1) During New Year's Eve, there were no taxi stands on Drumm Street. The Hyatt Regency wanted to use the stand for valet parking. Permit Officer at the Central Police Station issued a temporary stand, but it was filled with private cars. He suggests that if there is a temporary removal of a taxi stand by DPT, they should notify the Taxicab Commission. (2) The Four Seasons Hotel has a great working relationship with the taxicab drivers. (3) We should try and work out better relations with the Police and taxicab drivers.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Concerns with the deceased permit holder permits. Mary Warner died in January 2000; George Schubert died in February 2000; Bill Lazar died in October 2000; and Shirley Fava died in April 2001. Why has it taken two years for this to come before the Commission? These are extremely valuable permits. These petitions are void of merit. These people have collected in excess of $200,000 by permits that are void. These permits should have been re-issued to people on the waiting list. The lawyer asked two years ago for hearings to be held.
- **Charles Rathbone, Metro Cab #916:** Referenced the Homicide Chart he prepared. Based on his research San Francisco taxicab drivers have a high percent of homicide as compared to drivers from other cities. The data was based between 1985 and 1995. There should be a camera or partition equipped in all the cabs.
- **Peter Witt:** Thanked the Commission for not adding more cabs. The Taxicab Commission is starting to get off the ground, so if the Board of Supervisors are listening, do not dump the Commission. (1) The Commission should request financial statements from companies. Then compare the growth rate of the radio dispatch services and then the growth rate of the taxis. (2) Dispatch is horrible. (3) Agree with the Spur report. However it does not service all the needs. Top lights was not a part of the survey.
- **James Kennedy:** Should continue the matter on the issuance of transfers until the public has had a chance to read the background materials. Prop K was designed to protect the working drivers. Prop K has never been amended.
- **Jean Normand:** Currently out of work. The Commission should establish the best cab driving system in America. Should take the power from the company and give it to the individual drivers. Permits should go to the cab drivers.

extended the life of these vehicles in the emergency meeting on March 6th. What do the non-MUNI ramp taxi permit holders do? There are 51 non-MUNI permits that have to buy a new ramp taxi and pay for insurance. When their van breaks down, they have no spares. Would like his permit because not getting a dime on his permit.

8. HEARING TO DISCUSS GUIDELINES FOR THE USED OF THE WRAP TAXICAB FEES

Commissioner Gillespie: Scheduled the hearing to discuss the guidelines on how to use the "Taxicab Industry Fund." This consists of approximately $24,000 of wrap taxicab fees, which is currently in escrow. Possible ideas on how to utilize the fund include:

1. Set up a college scholarship fund for slain taxicab drivers' families.
2. Pay for a survey for a profile of taxicab drivers.
3. Create a guide book for taxicab drivers that includes a map and list of all the places in the City (i.e., hotels, restaurants, night clubs with cross streets and phone numbers.)
4. Pay for the initial costs administrative costs for a pension plan in which taxicab drivers can invest.

a. Public Comment:

- **Barry Taranto:** Support Gillespie idea of having a subcommittee of coming back with a recommendation. Support items 1 and 4. There shouldn't be a scholarship fund, but a family fund. Money can come elsewhere for the survey. The guide book was already produced. The fourth suggestion is a good idea because a pension fund would be available for all drivers.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Fund should be for slain cab driver families. College scholarships may help some family members and not others. Families may need to fly a spouse from some country far away. The fund should constitute on the theme of crime. Suggested using the money as a reward to help catch persons who commit crimes against cab drivers. Should look to other ways to augment the fund instead of taxi wraps because that has slowed down to a crawl.
- **Ron Wolter:** Should get more input from drivers. Should do a notice to drivers in the garages. Not in favor of Idea # 4. Most drivers do not have funds to put into a pension account. When Yahoo was wrapping their cabs, he believed that the money would go to driver safety.

Commissioner Gillespie asked that: (1) Establish a subcommittee that will be a passive meeting body to discuss guidelines for the use of wrap taxicab fees; (2) Direct the Executive Director to send a letter to be posted at the color schemes requesting feedback on how to use the funds.

13. ADJOURNMENT at 8:19 p.m.

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comment

4. Approval of the Minutes for the January 8, 2002 Taxicab Commission's Meeting [ACTION]

5. Approval of the Consent Calendar [ACTION]

6. Taxicab Special Actions:
   A. Commissioner Announcements and Requests to Calendar Items.

   B. Approval of Special Commendations/Certificate of Appreciation to the San Francisco Police Department for Apprehending the Bernal Heights Taxicab Bandit.

   C. Special Commendation for Commissioner Rachialle Franklin for being an outstanding Taxicab Commissioner.

7. Medallion Rescission of Issuance of Taxicab Medallion to Terry Chan, Medallion #758 at the January 8, 2002 Taxicab Commission Hearing.

8. Hearing to Discuss the Safety Report of the December 7, 2001 Safety Hearing. (Report)

9. Hearing to Consider Request by Mr. Ray Fratini's Grandson to Have His Name Placed on Permit No. 141, Formerly Held by Mr. Ray Fratini, In Lieu of the Permit Being Returned to the City and County of San Francisco. [ACTION] *continued from 01/08/2002*

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Jose Boas	Isac Braganca	Oualid Braiki	John Brewer
Reginald Burton	Tarig Dinar	Gilbert Duru	Victor Duru
Terrance Gilfillian	Dmitriy Goryachev	Quentin Hinton	Lamine Kasmi
Marouan Khemiri	Won Kim	Bradford Kingsley	Damon Lindberg
Timothy Lucier	Thomas Ly	Aledsandr Melamed	Gerald Metz
Mohamed Nessib	John Nieder	Ayoub Oualid	Hiteshkumar Patel
Viktor Pavlov	Kazi Rahman	David Reznik	Charanjiv Singh
Hardeep Singh	Kawaljit Singh	Santokh Singh	Simon Tam
Ruslan Titcu	Aleksandr Tkachenko	Bruno Trajano	Tsolmondorj Tsetsendelger
John Tran	Rhonda Winter		

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:	RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER
Kurt Harrison	None

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change
Thomas Eng	*368*	*Regents Cab to Desoto Cab*
Lawrence Schwartz	*523*	*Town Taxi to National Cab*
Mohamed Shah	*1234*	*Alpha Cab to BW Checker Cab*

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THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT SWEET AT 6:38 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDACE: Naomi Little – Executive Director of the Taxicab Commission; Inspector Farrell Suslow, Captain Thomas O'Neill, Lieutenant Bruce Lorin, Sergeant Vince Simpson – Taxicab Detail.

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.
- PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Ron Wolter, Arrow Cab:** Who has the City assigned to these permits? Who is receiving the money from these permits? There should be a full disclosure of these permits. Why did the permits sit around for two years? Transfer the permit to a deceased's relative is illegal.
- **Barry Taranto:** Wished Commissioner Rachialle Franklin the best in her future endeavors. There are illegal cabs operating in the Mission District and Post Street Corridor. Illegal cabs are a disservice to the public.
- **James Kennedy:** He petitioned the Taxicab Commission to hear his case. Taxi drivers will be here 20 years from now, but the Commissioners will not. The pre-Prop K permit holders had an opportunity to grandfather transfers 23 years ago.
- **Peter Witt:** The December 11th minutes did not reflect the fact that he had 500 signatures from Yellow Cab drivers and 250 signatures from Yellow Cab customers stating that Yellow Cab's dispatch is flawed. Addressed his regular concerns that (1) there is no enforcement of Prop K; (2) Limos are still running around the City; and (3) He has serious problems with the methodology of issuing new cabs.
- **Jim Nakamura:** Thanked Rachialle Franklin. The Taxicab Commission should take over the clerical duties of the Taxicab Detail. Mr. Chan was issued a medallion in error. The permit counter at the Detail only operates between 9am-12pm and 1pm-3pm. He has had problems with the clerical staff when he tried to change his address.

- APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approval of the Minutes for the January 8, 2002 meeting of the Taxicab Commission.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None

- CONSENT CALENDAR

A.-B. Commission Gillespie moved to recommend that the Taxicab Detail approve the Driver Public Passenger Vehicle Permits and the Taxicab Color Scheme Changes. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None

RECUSED: Wiener to Line Item 5.B. Abdul Abu-Geith

- Commissioner Gillespie moved to recommend that the Taxicab Detail approve the Taxicab Medallion Holder.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin, Leong, Wiener
NOES: None
RECUSED: McGuire

- TAXICAB COMMISSION SPECIAL ACTIONS

A. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS TO CALENDAR ITEMS

Commission McGuire: The death of Mr. Gary Ingmire does not preclude the police department from investigating concerns and seeking answers to questions about the color schemes role of the alleged fraud involving taxicab permit #284. She formally requests that the Detail continues its investigation. Perform a thorough review of Permit Bureau records, company banking and checking records, and other documentation that will assist in determining what role to color scheme had in allowing this permit to operate under the deceased persons names more than 10 years after their deaths.

Commissioner Wiener: Would like the Taxicab Commission Office to start numbering the persons on the Consent Calendar who are requesting color scheme changes and medallion holder permits.

Commissioner Leong: Would like the Taxicab Commission Office to look into top lights.

- Public Comment

- **James Kennedy:** He wants Richard Wiener to recuse himself on items 9, 10, 11 and 12. Agenda was not posted on the web site as of today. Inquired as to whether the Commissioners received his correspondence.

B. SPECIAL ACCOMODATION FOR INSPECTOR DANIEL LEYDON

C. SPECIAL ACCOMODATION FOR COMMISSIONER RACHIALLE FRANKLIN

- Public Comment

- **Peter Witt:** Disagrees with the special accommodation for Rachialle Franklin. The first thing she tried as a Commissioner was to kill Proposition K. He is disappointed in how she voted on a variety of issues.
- **Jane Bolig:** The previous speaker was incredibly out of line. Commissioners Paul Gillespie, Mary McGuire, Rachialle Franklin and herself were on the original Taxicab Commission. Rachialle often voted against her, but they were good friends. She respects Rachialle's integrity, which speaks to her accomplishments and honesty.
- **Lt. Bruce Lorin:** On behalf of the Taxicab Detail, he thanke Rachialle Franklin for her cooperation and dedication. She understood the problems the Detail faced.
- **Johnson Akinbodunse, Yellow Cab:** Hopes the Taxicab Commission will find someone else who is as good as Rachialle Franklin.
- **Nate Dwiri, Yellow Cab:** Thanked Rachialle for being attentive to Yellow Cab.

- MEDALLION RECISION OF ISSUANCE OF TAXICAB MEDALLION TO TERRY CHAN

a. Public Comment

- **Terry Chan:** When he received the package for the taxi medallion, he made the decision to refinance his house for $105,000 for the preparation of setting up a taxi and to repair his house. The taxi medallion that he thought was going to be issued to him will play a huge part in paying back the loan. Since the issuance was an error, it is almost impossible to pay back the loan. The results of this error will damage his credit and might cause him to lose his house.
- **Barry Taranto:** Everyone in the taxicab industry was surprised to see this issue. The permit should be rescinded. However, the Taxi Commission should settle with Terry Chan and Luxor Cab.

- **Jim Kennedy:** There is no "oops clause" in Proposition K. Mr. Chan should be able to keep his permit. Revisit the ramp taxi program and Prop K. The waiting list is wacko.
- **Johnson Akinbodunse:** There was two weeks notice given. No one thought of checking out whether the applicant was qualified.
- **Peter Kleinman:** Skeptical of Mr. Chan's innocents. On Nov 27, 2000, he was well aware that he eligible for a ramp taxi medallion. Ten months later he was notified that he was going to get a regular medallion. If someone leaves a wallet in his cab, he turns it in, it not his to take. Mr. Chan knows he was acting wrongfully.
- **Peter Witt:** Taxicab drivers have no protection. There is no union. No legal protection. The first 100 or 200 on the waiting list are being juggled around. The police have been flubbing this for years. The waiting list needs to be looked at seriously.
- **Muhammad Alam:** He is 34 ahead of Mr. Chan. Why cannot he get a permit? He has children and financial burdens as well.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to rescind the issuance of the taxicab medallion to Terry Chan. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Franklin, Leong, Wiener
NOES: None
RECUSED: McGuire

- DISCUSSION OF THE SAFETY REPORT ON THE DECEMBER 7, 2001 SAFETY HEARING.

a. Public Comment:

- **Charles Rathbone, Metro #916:** Ten years ago, he attending the funeral of his coworker who was shot in the head at Funston and Lake. Three other drivers were murdered in the space of about three years. Safety partitions will help prevent bullet wounds to the back of the head. If the TC requires a camera in all cabs, it will increase the costs of the cab and be a disincentive for the companies to put in a safety shield. Allow the operator the option of choosing a camera or a partition.
- **Jane Bolig:** In 1999, the Mayor's Taxicab Task Force Sub Committee made a recommendation for cameras because drivers did not want shields. Cameras gave the same kind of protection to the passengers and the drivers. The City should participate in funding the cameras. Debit/credit cards are a requirement of the MUNI Paratransit Program. The cost will be split with MUNI paying for the debit card system, and the cab companies paying for the credit card system. This should not be an unfounded mandate. The City should pay for the credit card system.
- **Barry Taranto:** There should be a hearing on each of the Taxicab Commission Office's recommendations. How are these recommendations going to be funded?

- **Rua Graffis:** She agrees with Charles Rathbone regarding the safety shields. The main driver argument against shields is that the car is so small that the shields minimize the room in the cars. She drives a minivan with a retractable shield. The report did not mention having training at a neutral site, instead of at a cab company. She supports on-road training.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Need to put the safety improvements in context. Companies are responsible for the health and safety of their workers. There are many regulations that companies across America pay for safety improvements. To call it an unfounded mandate is missing the point. Drivers are not in a position to provide safety improvements. Taxicabs costs about $30,000/year to run. Close to zero of that money is spent on safety.
- **Peter Witt:** Should put the Taxi Detail in the car with the driver. Passengers do not like the safety partitions. Only short people can drive the cars with safety shields. As far as the bad radio service, the companies should match the software with the hardware. The frequency is outdated. If there are more antennas, then the radios could pick up the receptions. Cameras: Still photos with no sound do not intrude on privacy.
- **Jim Kennedy:** MTA gets Proposition B sales tax funds. Why doesn't the Taxicab Commission request money from the Prop B account. He cannot get into a cab with a shield. The longer one has the shield in the cab, the filthier the shield gets and the driver cannot see through the shield.

ITEMS 9 AND 11 WERE WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE ATTORNEY FOR MR. RAY FRATINI'S GRANDSON AND MS ROSALINE E. BOWEN.

a. Public Comment:

- **Ron Wolter:** Have no objection to the items being withdrawn. He sent the Commission letters attaching Form 1095 from the Taxi Detail. No Form received in 2001 for Shirley Fava, but the Taxi Detail reissued the permit. Is someone operating the taxicab without a permit? Who authorized the reissuance of the permit?
- **Peter Witt:** These permits have been operating illegally. These four items should be combined into one. This is a timely issue. It has been twenty years. These medallions are not suppose to be transferred to great-great-grandchildren. The drivers should have the revenues that have been generated.

10. and 11. HEARING TO CONSIDER REQUEST BY DAVID ADAMS AND JOHN LAZAR TO HAVE THEIR NAMES PLACED ON PERMIT NO. 129 (FOR DAVID ADAMS) AND PERMIT NOS. 109 AND 138 (FOR JOHN LAZAR)

a. Public Comment:

- **John Roberts, Luxor Cab:** In December 1999, he was driving cab #129. This is the cab where he met his 7½ month pregnant wife. Luxor has the best dispatch company. The Commission should leave the medallion there so he could drive it from time to time.
- **Rua Graffis:** Read Judge Quentin Kopp's letter in opposition to transferring these permits to the children of the deceased permit holders because Prop K declared the permits shall be non-transferable and non-assignable either expressly or by operation of law. Prop K was not intended to allow then-existing permit to pass from one person to another, much less from one generation to the next, so as to defeat the initiative's purpose and delay significantly the placement of the permits in the hands of bona-fide working drivers.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Proposition K puts the permits in the hands of working drivers. The authenticity of some of the letters for Mary Adams permit is highly dubious. When Mary Adams transferred the permit to Karin Adams, a dozen different documents had to be signed at the Police Department. None of these documents were signed for David Adams. As for the Lazar permit, what people are saying now, took place 20 years ago. There is no evidence that John Lazar's name should have been on the permits. John's name is not even on the shareholders list. In 1997 at the Police Commission, the attorney never once asked to put John's name on the permit. There was a contract between Bill, Jr. and Bill, Sr. were Bill, Jr. plans to split the revenues with John. Bill, Sr. intention in the contract was only to add Bill, Jr.'s name to the permit.
- **Johnson Akinbodunse:** Lazar and Adams were intelligent people. They would have put the names of their off springs on the permits in 1978 if they wanted to. The statute of limitations has come and gone on this medallion.
- **Tom Stagalini:** Some of the pre-K medallions paid more for the medallions than what they paid for their homes. He met Bill Lazar, Sr. who said his sons should be on his permits. Show him a better company than Luxor. These people deserve the medallion.
- **Ron Wolter:** In 2001, the Form 1095 stated that Permit 129 was held by Mary Warner and David Adams. This is a false statement and should be looked into. These people had decades to petition. Why are they waiting until now to ask for a transfer? The permit should be reissued to a full time driver. In 2001, John Lazar made a same sworn statement that he held Permit 109 and 138. This is a false statement and should be looked into. There is nothing in writing to support a transfer of these permits to John Lazar.
- **James Kennedy:** There was plenty of paperwork done for the Mary Warner and Karin Adams, BUT no paper work for David Adams. Who knows what happen in 1978, that was a long time ago. John Lazar is not even a shareholder. If Mary Warner and Karin Adams could not afford to buy stock in Luxor cab, they probably could not afford to pay for the transfer fee of about $1000. None of these letters are notarized. The letters all seem to be dated January 14, 15 and 17, 2002.
- **Ed Burke, Luxor Cab, Systems Manager:** He was very close with Mary Warner. Bill and Mary were legal people. If they were told that only one person

could go onto the medallion list, then they would follow the law. They sat there and said that their children are important and that every penny would go to them. They were told wrong information back in 1978.

Commissioner Breslin moved to grant the request of John Lazar to transfer Permit Nos. 109 and 138 into his name. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Breslin, Franklin, Leong
NOES: Gillespie
RECUSED: McGuire, Wiener

Commissioner Leong moved to reject the request of David Adams to transfer his name on to Permit No. 129. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Franklin, Leong
NOES: Breslin
RECUSED: McGuire, Wiener

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February 8, 2002
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

CHECK-IN	Sign-in, coffee/tea, pastry
WELCOME	• Naomi Little, Executive Director, Taxicab Commission • Paul Van Houten, Director of Training, DHR • Camille Meade, Training Officer, DHR
HOUSEKEEPING	• Bathrooms • Safety • Breaks, Lunch
OPENING	• Ground Rules • Parking Lot • Public Comment • "Something About Me..." • Survey Results • Synergy
REALIZING THE MISSION	How will we know when we are succeeding in the mission? What will we see? How will we know? • Prompt, safe, efficient, and courteous service to residents and visitors • Enact and enforce equitable rules concerning drovers, medallion holders, and companies • Provide open forum for debate and discussion for all issues concerning public vehicle for hire services • Transportation First Policy
COMMUNICATION SKILLS	• "You just don't understand" (video) • Listening Skills and "I" Messages • Asking and Answering Questions • Emotional Intelligence
RECUSAL POLICY	Paul Zarefsky (City Attorney)
LUNCH	
OPEN SPACE	THEME: What are the most important issues or problems to work on to achieve the mission of the commission?
COMMISSION PRIORITIES	• Review and add to Task List • Priority Grid
COMMISSION MEETINGS	• Parliamentary Procedure • Roberts Rules of Order • 10 Common Motions • Roles group members play • Commissioner Roles and Responsibilities • Effective Meetings • Managing Difficult Meetings • 20 Ways to Offend Colleagues
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TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

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February 12, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of the Minutes for the January 22, 2002 Taxicab Commission's Meeting. [ACTION]
5. Approval of the Consent Calendar. [ACTION]
6. Taxicab Special Actions:

   A. Commissioner Announcements and Requests to Calendar Items.

7. Staff Report
8. Hearing and Possible Approval of Guidelines for Processing a Request Under the Americans with Disabilities Act for Modification of a Permit Requirement. (Proposed Guidelines) [ACTION]
9. Hearing and Possible Approval of Rules for the Enforcement of the Full-Time Driving Requirement: Standards for Permit Revocation. (Proposed Rules) [ACTION]
10. Hearing and Discussion on the 2002 Taxicab Color Scheme Audit . (Report)
11. Hearing and Discussion on the 2002 Taxicab Dispatch Audit. (Report)
12. Adjourment

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Taxicab Commission Agenda
Regular Meeting
February 12, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.
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CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Igor Abramiovych	Liaqat Amar	Kenneth Balletta	Mohamed Bejaoui
Alla Benhamimi	Sidney Castro	James Cha	Amod Chhetri
David Coyle	Iryna Didur	Khaled Dridi	Carlos Fernandez
Youssef Hechmi	Mian Khan	Mohamed Mathlouthi	Tariq Mehmood
Peter Miller	Vyacheslav Myasnyankin	Joao Neves	Wayne Peace
Yuriy Petushkov	Jose Picorelli	Carlos Porras	Clayton Reed
Abdelrahman Samhan	Syed Shah	Daljit Singh	Gurpreet Singh
Fausto Sousa	Agnaldo Teixeira	Robert Whittaker	Philippe Violette
Sieng Vong			

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of a Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Color Scheme
Kurt Harrison	218	Bay Cab Co.

C. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to:

	Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme	Effective Date
1..	Thomas Eng	368	Regents Cab to Desoto Cab	02/13/2002
2.	Lawrence Schwartz	523	Town Taxi to National Cab	02/13/2002
3.	Mohamed Shah	1234	Alpha Cab to BW Checker Cab	02/13/2002

(Please Note, this action closes Alpha Cab, at the Color Scheme Holders request)

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This is not an agenda item for this meeting, but serves as a public notice.

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:	RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER
Eric Friedman	*None*
Farhad Golshan	
Ramon Mata	

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change
Hailu Antenneh	*134*	*SF Taxi to Bay Cab*
Leon Kwan	*1021*	*Yellow Cab to Regents Cab*
Frank Ly	*931*	*Luxor Cab to American Cab*
Firouz Mahdavi	*419*	*Yellow Cab to Regents Cab*
Radwan Rashid	*9067*	*Yellow Cab to BW Checker*
Chad Rokeach	*1199*	*Luxor Cab to National Cab*
Lincoln Tran	*9015*	*Yellow Cab to Regents Cab*
My Tran	*59*	*United Cab to Regents Cab*

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Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Sweet; Gillespie; Alunan, Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Wiener

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT SWEET AT 6:32 pm

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little – Executive Director of the Taxicab Commission; Inspector Farrell Suslow, Captain Thomas O'Neill, Lieutenant Bruce Lorin, Sergeant Vince Simpson – Taxicab Detail.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Richard Hybels:** There is a $1,000 reward for the information and arrest of Herman Williams Stewart. Metro Cab to add an additional $1,000 to that reward.
- **Tom Stanghellini, Luxor Cab:** Lowering gate fees is not the way to help the industry. Any kind of medallion change right now on the lease cab, gate cab is going to hurt us. We need help across the board.
- **Barry Taranto:** Hope the Commissioners benefited from the Retreat on Treasure Island. Sorry that Commissioner Leong did not participate, looked like a lot was accomplished. Hoping to work together to improve business for everybody. Cab drivers could use a marketing campaign.

- **Edward Burke:** Dispatch Survey numbers a bit misleading. The dispatch systems that are granted to companies with one cab, two cabs, four cabs are ludicrous. It is not accomplishing anything. It is a disservice to this industry.
- **Murai, Medallion #1224:** Permit holders under attack. Gave definitions of medallions and permits.
- **Jim Kennedy:** Welcomed Commissioner Alunan. It is hereby requested that under the rule: Inability To Drive Full-time In The Foreseeable Future, include the following: In recognition of "Long term service to the public." Prop K. Permit holder(s) who have honorable served the city as a full-time taxi driver for a minimum of twenty (20) years, and have reached the age of fifty-five years, shall have their full-time driving requirement reduced from 156 to 78 shifts per calendar year. Full time drivers who have reached the age of sixty years with full time driving of 25 years or more have their requirement reduced from 78 to 39 shifts. Full time drivers who have reached the age of 65 with over 25 years full time driving 39 to 20 shifts per calendar year. If a permit holder suffers from a debilitating disability that would impair his/her ability to meet the minimum driving requirements, and has driven full time for a period of 20 years or more, shall be given full consideration with modifications of the driving requirement as needed to continue in the service of the City and County of San Francisco.
- **Philip Anton:** Regents Cab is fairly new, young company. It is trying to become a household name. Newer companies are trying to develop more of a dispatch service. The dispatch survey does not truly represent what service Regents Cab has been operating.
- **Tara Housman:** Disabled community was not notified on items 8 & 9. Congratulation to Commissioner Alunan. Complained about a starter at SFO. Would not get her a DeSoto cab.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approval of the Minutes for the January 22, 2002 meeting of the Taxicab Commission

Commissioner Wiener moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

A. & C. Commissioner Wiener moved to recommend that the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Driver Public Passenger Vehicle Permits and the Color Scheme Changes. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None

B. Commissioner Gillespie moved to recommend that the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Taxicab Medallion Holder. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, Wiener
NOES: None
RECUSED: McGuire

6. TAXICAB COMMISION SPECIAL ACTIONS

A. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS TO CALENDAR ITEMS

Commissioner Wiener: 1) Would like to schedule a discussion for the pending or arriving crisis insurance for cabs, both the cost and availability on taxicabs. 2) Would like to see final approval of initial test taxi stands.

Commissioner McGuire: Read letter from constituents regarding status of remaining corporate medallions issued as a result of the procedures outlined on Prop K. Request to include report prepared by Executive Director, Naomi Little, include the following information: 1) number of outstanding medallions 2) name of individuals and entities holding these permits 3) names of deceased individuals who may have held a share of stock ownership in the business 4) corporate entities holding these medallions 5) permit numbers and color schemes where these medallions currently operate.

Commissioner Gillespie: Congratulated Kirk Harrison on getting his medallion. Has been looking for useful and logical locations of test taxi stands. Asked if any taxi drivers had input as to where you might feel it appropriate. Please relay information to Executive Director Little. Also welcomed Commissioner Alunan.

Commissioner Breslin: Proposed that the Taxicab Commission calendar all disciplinary issues on one meeting of the month and calendar other issues on the other meeting of the month.

Commissioner Sweet: Welcomed Commission Alunan.

7. STAFF REPORT

Executive Director Little: Welcomed Commissioner Alunan. Mayor Willie Brown requested the Taxicab Commission encouraged the taxi industry to become a part of the San Francisco's Emergency Response System. He would like the Commission to put together a training program for all cab drivers to learn life savings procedures. Since all cab drivers have radios in their cabs, they would be able to know what to look for and how to describe problems in case of an emergency. They should know where all triage centers are in SF. The Commission has been receiving letters from the public interested in helping with the program and will look into what type of training can be encouraged at little costs, if not any. If you have any information please contact the Commission Office.

8. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF GUIDELINES FOR PROCESSING A REQUEST UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT FOR MODIFICATION OF A PERMIT REQUIREMENT

a. Public Comment:

- **Dirk Neyhart, Yellow Cab:** Driving since 1970, medallion holder in 1989. Got stabbed and died on the operating table, flat lined on the monitors. Was revived by open heart surgery but is now brain crippled and talking funny. Is looking at getting $1,500 cab income vs. $500 social security income. Is hoping the society and the Taxicab Commission and the people of San Francisco put the safety net under their cab drivers.
- **Joseph Fleischman, Exec. Director PDA:** Speaking for whole Permit Drivers Association. Would like to table the proposed rules until the courts deliberates and decides the pending lawsuit. The lawsuit is in the final stage as the Appelate Court is preparing to hear all arguments. Essential to the lawsuit is their claim that Prop K does not require the city to revoke when career drivers become too disabled to drive. The voters in 1978 could not have known they were mandating a lifetime of fulltime driving because it was not presented to them.
- **Tara Housman:** Asked to table items 8 & 9, they need a lot more thought and review than people can hope to have. Would like to wait till the lawsuit comes to a conclusion. Commented on Dirk Neyhard's case, if he's not a reason #1 why it should be taken slowly, carefully and compassionately then what is? Noted on item #9 the printed literature here was different from the one sent out. Did not receive the template. The chart was difficult to follow. Needs more time to absorb.
- **Jim Gillespie, Desoto Cab:** Concerned about Prop. K interpretation of what the driving requirements are. Suggested the Commission proceed cautiously. After reading proposed interpretations by the City Attorney. He was concerned they would be taken as written and be enforced. Thought it is premature at this point. Proposed items 8 & 9 be tabled.
- **Ruach Graffis:** There is a lack of workers compensation and retirement in the industry. Companies should provide Workers Compensation for drivers injured on the job. They do have it, but often lie to drivers and say "You're not covered, you're an independent contractor". This industry does not have a retirement but that does not change the requirements in Prop K. The medallion is not a retirement benefit.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Asked for a continuance on these items. United TaxiCab Workers is actively pursuing health insurance, long term disability insurance and retirement provisions that would apply to all drivers.
- **Robert A. Oppenheimer:** Most working drivers who don't have medallions have little recourse if they get injured. All the drivers under Prop K had the ability to go to the Police Dept. and apply for a permit. The biggest problem with Prop K is a lot of people who could have gone to apply and should have, who have been working a long time, never did.
- **Howard David Leeder:** The state is no longer offering workman's compensation to medallion holders and the City is threatening to take away the medallion income of somebody who was injured in the line of duty. The greatest abuse of the system is not the medallion holders who have become disabled but giving permits to people who no business getting a permit, who have never been in the front seat of a cab and people who have memories that go back 20 years about some promises to somebody else about transferring a medallion. And the Commission says it's all right to keep the medallion.

- **James Maddox:** Would welcome some support from the Commission to engage a meeting or process between our attorney, ourselves and the City attorney and their team.
- **Murai:** If permits are taken from severely disabled permit holders most will be thrown into poverty. It would cost the taxpayers of San Francisco for each permit taken $25,000. If the permit holder be allowed to maintain their small business, the license, the permit holder would be paying their yearly fees to the City and not taking from the City. The taxpayers were not informed therefore it should be tabled. Revoke the medallions, allow the severely disabled to maintain their medallions.
- **Walter B. Derby:** Would like to table items 8 & 9. There should be a benefits package for the 6,000 cab drivers. Benefits will be funded by trip fees at the airport, the companies, a little from the drivers, some from the City and some from the Golden Gate Restaurant Association.
- **Brad Newshum:** Driving since 1985, one year as head of United Taxicab Workers in 1994, a ramp permit holder for the last 4 years. The legal action they have initiated should be allowed to go forward.

Commissioner Wiener moved to continue item #8 until the February 26, 2002 Taxicab Commission Meeting. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Alunan, Breslin, Franklin, Gillespie, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None

9. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RULES FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE FULL-TIME DRIVING REQUIREMENT: STANDARDS FOR PERMIT REVOCATION

a. Public Comment

- **Barry Taranto:** Need to look at priorities in terms of revocations. Fake waybills should be considered a more serious offense than someone who almost died out on the streets.
- **Joseph Fleischman:** The ADA does not mandate a permit holder be exempted from an essential eligibility requirement of the program. There is a tie-in between items 8 & 9. Request that the Commission wait until the Appellate Court rules.
- **James Maddox:** The Commission has no discretion in the case where the permit holder is unable to drive in the future and they must revoke. The lawsuit addresses this situation.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Noted the chart and materials deal exclusively with the question of revocation and not with suspension. There should be zero tolerance with forged documents. The rule of inability to drive full time in the foreseeable future needs to be modified.
- **Walter Derby**: He feels the City owes Mr. Dirk Neyhart for the many years of service he gave to the City.
- **Brad Newshum:** It is appropriate that people who violate the driving requirement have their permits taken away.
- **Tony Fletcher, Medallion #1169:** Asked for a continuance until the Appellate Court rules.
- **Tara Housman:** Needs more time to understand the issue.
- **Murai:** Asked for a continuance.

Commissioner Wiener moved to continue item 9 until February 26, 2002 Taxicab Commission Meeting. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None

10. HEARING AND DISCUSSION ON THE 2002 TAXICAB COLOR SCHEME AUDIT REPORT

11. HEARING AND DISCUSSION ON THE 2002 TAXICAB DISPATCH AUDIT REPORT

Commissioner Sweet moved to continue items 10 and 11 until February 26, 2002 Taxicab Commission Meeting. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None

12. ADJOURNMENT at 8:20 p.m.

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TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

February 26, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comment

4. Approval of the Minutes for the February 8, 2001 Taxicab Commission's Special Meeting and February 12, 2002 Taxicab Commission Meeting. [ACTION]

5. Approval of the Consent Calendar [ACTION]

6. Taxicab Special Actions:

   A. Commissioner Announcements
   B. Requests to Calendar Items.

7. Hearing and Possible Approval of Guidelines for Processing a Request Under the Americans with Disabilities Act for Modification of a Permit Requirement. (Continued from 2/12/02 Meeting) [ACTION]

8. Hearing and Possible Approval of Guidelines for the Enforcement of the Full-Time Driving Requirement: Standards for Permit Revocation. (Continued from 2/12/02 Meeting) [ACTION]

9. Hearing and Discussion on the 2002 Taxicab Color Scheme Audit Report. (Continued from 2/12/02 Meeting)

10. Hearing and Discussion on the 2002 Taxicab Dispatch Audit. (Continued from 2/12/02 Meeting)

11. Adjournment

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Taxicab Commission Agenda
Regular Meeting
February 26, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.
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CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Sergio Afanadorlopez	Peter Capilos	Lisa Evans	Sabil Ghouili
Ann Halthonghouili	Nafez Hasasneh	Jeffrey Huang	Karen Kerr
Mohinder Kumar	Tom Mak	Saqib Melu	Taro Miyoshi
Brewo Passos	Charles Rogers	Farid Shukriya	Baljit Singh
Cuong Tiet	Ermiyas Tiku	Zeryihun Tilahun	Nnamdi Umeh

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of a Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

	Medallion Holder	Cab #	Color Scheme
1.	Eric Friedman	499	Desoto Cab Co.
2.	Ramon Mata	127	Luxor Cab Co.

C. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to:

	Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme	Effective Date
1.	Hailu Antenneh	134	SF Taxi to Bay Cab	02/27/2002
2.	Leon Kwan	1021	Yellow Cab to Regents Cab	02/27/2002
3.	Frank Ly	931	Luxor Cab to American Cab	02/27/2002
4.	Firouz Mahdavi	419	Yellow Cab to Regents Cab	02/27/2002
5.	Radwan Rashid	9067	Yellow Cab to BW Checker	02/27/2002
6.	Chad Rokeach	1199	Luxor Cab to National Cab	02/27/2002
7.	Lincoln Tran	9015	Yellow Cab to Regents Cab	02/27/2002
8.	My Tran	59	United Cab to Regents Cab	02/27/2002

D. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval a Taxicab Wrap Color Scheme Changes to be effective from 03/11/2002 through no later than 04/26/2002.

Applicant	Medallion #	Current Color Scheme	Wrap Color Scheme
Vernell Crittendon	195	Arrow Cab Co.	Sun Microsystems/Java One
John Mardakis	250, 257, 258	Arrow Cab Co.	Sun Microsystems/Java One
Mary Speck	279, 282	Arrow Cab Co.	Sun Microsystems/Java One
Steven Doherty	471	Arrow Cab Co.	Sun Microsystems/Java One
Garik Leytman	624	Arrow Cab Co.	Sun Microsystems/Java One
Lewis Jackson	667	Arrow Cab Co.	Sun Microsystems/Java One
James Bottoroff	714	Arrow Cab Co.	Sun Microsystems/Java One

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:
None

RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER
None

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change
Martha Barakah	*1068*	*Town Taxi to Royal Taxi*
Robin Bullard	*1107*	*Service Taxi to Metro Cab*
Theodore Gray	*150*	*Desoto Cab to Luxor Cab*
Vladimir Leykin	*1238*	*United Cab to Luxor Cab*

Copies of the Commission's "Procedures for Protesting the Prospective Issuance of a Taxicab/Ramped Taxi Permit (Medallion)" are available

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Commission Chambers – Room 400
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Tuesday, February 26, 2002
6:30 PM

Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Sweet; Gillespie; Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Wiener
ABSENT: Alunan

PRESIDENT SWEET CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:43 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little – Executive Director of the Taxicab Commission; Inspector Farrell Suslow, Captain Thomas O'Neill, Lieutenant Bruce Lorin, Sergeant Vince Simpson – Taxicab Detail

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Steven Riemers:** Yellow Cab was approached to start the Ramped Taxi Pilot Program. Currently, Yellow is having problems with Ramped Taxi Program due to complying with Proposition K. Yellow Cab has a separate dispatch for ramped taxis. Yellow Cab is getting a bad rap being the largest most visible cab company. Asked the Taxicab Commission to improve the Ramped Taxi Program.
- **Howard Green, Proposition K Medallion Owner:** Had GPS system installed in his cab a month ago. He rated the GPS system a "7" on a scale of 1-10. It works well with a few bugs. Customers like it; quicker service.
- **Richard Hybels:** Asked Taxicab Commission to post a photo of Herman William Stewart, Jr., the suspect in the January 20, 2002 robbery of a Metro Cab driver. There is a $1,000 reward posted for information leading to the his arrest.
- **Arthur Lembke:** The proposed Gate Cap Legislation would bankrupt taxicab companies and due harm to pre-Proposition K, post-Proposition K owners and all drivers.
- **Charles Gale,** 19 yr Yellow Driver: Yellow Cab's new system has improved service.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approval of the Minutes for the February 8, 2002 Taxicab Commission Special meeting and the February 12, 2002 meeting of the Taxicab Commission

Commissioner Weiner moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALLENDAR

A. Commissioner Breslin moved to recommend the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Driver Public Passenger Vehicle Permits. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan

B.1 Commissioner Leong moved to recommend the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Taxicab Medallion Holder. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong
NOES: None
RECUSED: McGuire, Wiener
ABSENT: Alunan

B.2 Commissioner Gillespie moved to recommend the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Taxicab Medallion Holder. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, Wiener
NOES: None
RECUSED: McGuire
ABSENT: Alunan

C.1, 3, 6, 8 Commissioner Wiener moved to recommend the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Taxicab Color Scheme Changes. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan

C.2, 4, 5, 7 Commissioner Gillespie moved to recommend the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Taxicab Color Scheme Changes. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, McGurie
NOES: None
RECUSED: Wiener
ABSENT: Alunan

D. Commission Wiener move to recommend the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Taxicab Wrap Color Scheme Changes. Commission Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, Wiener
NOES: McGuire
ABSENT: Alunan

6. TAXICAB COMMISSION SPECIAL ACTIONS

A. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS TO CALENDAR ITEMS

Commissioner Leong: Would like Director Little to send a letter from the Taxicab Commission to the California Public Utilities Commission requesting stronger enforcement and an increase of fines for illegal limousine drivers.

Commissioner McGuire: 1) Asked Taxicab Detail to post a photograph of January 20, 2002 robbery suspect at all Color Scheme Holders. Would also like posted from Taxicab Detail, all information available on last weeks robbery of Luxor Cab #159. 2) Would like a monthly posting of crime bulletins against taxicab drivers at the cab companies.

Commissioner Gillespie: In support of a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission. One of the newspaper quotes said it was "somehow the driver's fault" for picking someone up at 3rd & Evans, he had been trained to not pick up people in this area. Would like to rebut that statement as a cab driver and citizen of this City. If cab companies are training drivers not to pick up at 3rd & Evans then they need to revise their training manuals.

a. Public Comment

- **Stephen Reimers, Yellow Cab:** Need to train drivers to handle themselves with the knowledge to work the City safely, and efficiently.
- **John Lazar, Luxor Cab Co.:** He was the individual misquoted by the Examiner. Luxor trains their drivers to be aware, streetwise and safe. The driver was told not to pick up anybody unless he had a computer call. At that time of night either take the cab in or to proceed downtown there might be some business.

President Sweet requested items 7 and 8 to be heard together:

7. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF GUIDELINES FOR PROCESSING A REQUEST UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT FOR MODIFICATION OF A PERMIT REQUIREMENT (Continued from 2/12/02 meeting)

8. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF GUIDELINES FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE FULL-TIME DRIVING REQUIREMENT: STANDARDS FOR PERMIT REVOCATION.

a. Public Comment

- **Ed Burke:** Requested Commission to wait until lawsuit has concluded.
- **Tara Housman:** Suggested that the Taxicab Commission adopt the broader definition of who is a person with a disability. The Taxicab Commission should be more lenient with regards to the full time driving requirement.
- **Stephen Reimers, Yellow Cab:** Keep the ability to look at each case individually on the ADA Requirements. Full-Time Driving Requirements should be met otherwise return the medallion.
- **Joseph Fleischman, PDA:** Request the rules of Revocation be replaced with: The City Attorney's office has advised the Commission that taxicab and ramped taxi permit holders (medallion holders) who initially received their permits (medallions) after the July 1978 effective date of Proposition K must be full-time drivers. While the issue is subject to pending appellate litigation, in the meantime the Commission will not ignore violations of the City's existing interpretation (the "driving requirement"). The Commission will therefore exercise its discretion to revoke permits under this rule. If appropriate after a Court of Appeal decision, the rule may be reconsidered.
- **Ron Wolter:** Full-Time Driving Requirements: Doesn't feel the need to adopt such a large complex document. The Commission has held revocations in the past and has not been brought up in any appeals. Concerned that there should be public notices with regards to ADA request. Public notice should be mandated in Commission's ADA procedures.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Permit Holder Revocations: the standard "non-permanent inability to drive full-time in the future" is too strict. This should be a suspension instead of revocation. ADA Requirements: there should also be the possibility of an appeal by the public if the ADA request is denied.

- **Tony Fletcher:** Initial ADA request should be handled over the telephone instead of going to Commission Office. The Taxicab Commission should have in effect procedures for extensions.
- **Jim Nakamura:** How does the Commission plan to handle a case like the DeSoto driver who fell 30 feet and is only able to work 80 shifts?

Commissioner Wiener motion the approval of the amendment of Guidelines for Processing a Request Under the Americans with Disabilities Act for Modification of a Permit Requirement. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan

Commissioner Gillespie motion the approval of the Guidelines for the Enforcement of the Full-Time Driving Requirement. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, McGuire
NOES: Wiener
ABSENT: Alunan

10. HEARING AND DISCUSSION ON THE 2002 TAXICAB DISPATCH AUDIT

a. Public Comment

- **Stephen Reimers:** The ability of the driver to respond to dispatch is getting worse. The calls are the same. The question is does the driver have the skill to know where the cross streets are or how to pick up a dispatch call? People who have been driving for 15 years should get a medallion. Not someone driving only 156 shifts for a few years. Experienced drivers will pick up dispatch calls.
- **Tara Housman:** If a cab does not arrive within 30 minutes, then it is considered not to have arrived. Lobbyist and the Golden Gate Restaurant Association made a big stink about no show taxicabs. The study should have allowed a longer wait for a taxicab than 30 minutes. The parameters of the survey should be reviewed.
- **Jim Gillespie:** DeSoto is one of the worse dispatch services in this year's survey. Out of about 60,000 radio calls per month, DeSoto fills about 96%. He is not disputing that out of 18 calls, 9 were no shows. Had the survey made 300 to 500 calls, their percentages would have been better.
- **Ed Burke:** Taxicab Detail's survey showed 32 calls to Luxor Cab. Luxor made 530,000 pickups in a 6 month period.

11. ADJOURNMENT at 8:52 pm

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TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

March 12, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.
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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of the Minutes for the February 26, 2002 Taxicab Commission's Meeting. [ACTION]
5. Approval of the Consent Calendar [ACTION]
6. Taxicab Special Actions:

   A. Commissioner Announcements and Requests to Calendar Items.
7. Staff Report
8. Hearing and Possible Approval of Neighborhood Taxicab Stands Pilot Program. (Memo from the Executive Director) [ACTION]
9. Discussion and Sunshine Ordinance Training for the San Francisco Taxicab Commission Executive Director and Commissioners.
10. Hearing and Discussion of San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association report on "Making Taxi Service Work in San Francisco."
11. Hearing and Discussion on Insurance Costs and Availability for Taxicabs.
12. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Election for a President and Vice President of the San Francisco Taxicab Commission. [ACTION]
13. Adjournment

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Reginald Barton, Sr.	Donald G. Box	Frederico Celestino	Adam W. Degraff
Omar Farooq	Sarbjot S. Ghotra	Johnny J. Gilg	Robert E. Graves
Ali B. Hzami	Michael Labunsky	Steve Y. Lee	Sergey Matveyev
Leonard Miller	Peter Patsay	Gregory A. Rojas	Hafid Sellami
Mahinder Singh	Joao N.D. Souza	Chad Tschierschky	Erik V. Webber
Randy J. Wesley	Degal Yohannes		

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Kamal Jamally	None

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

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Thomas Fahy	*947*	*Regents Cab to BW Checker*
Bashir Kahn	*1211*	*BW Checker to Desoto Cab*
Ha Nguyen	*1218*	*Town Taxi to Regents Cab*
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Commission Chambers – Room 400
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Tuesday, March 12, 2002
6:30 PM

Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Sweet; Gillespie; Alunan, Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Wiener

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT SWEET AT 6:32 pm

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little – Executive Director of the Taxicab Commission; Inspector Farrell Suslow, Captain Thomas O'Neill, Lieutenant Bruce Lorin, Sergeant Vince Simpson – Taxicab Detail.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

2. ROLL CALL showed a quorum was present.

12. APPROVAL OF THE ELECTION FOR A PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE TAXICAB COMMISSION

Commissioner Wiener moved to elect Commissioner Sweet as President and Commissioner Gillespie as Vice President of the Taxicab Commission. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet
NOE: None
EXCUSED: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Bruce Oka:** Spoke about a Ramp Taxi Driver who should not be a medallion holder. He has not picked up more than two wheelchair calls in over five years. He just recently switched companies because the previous company told him to take a hike. This individual should be given conditions on the medallion. The detail mandated that he attend Bruce and Laurie's sensitivity training this coming Saturday. If he does not attend his medallion should be revoked.
- **Steven Reimers:** He is concerned about the growing of the independent, small cab companies. Meanwhile the bigger companies are more regulated and have more costs. The cab companies that are doing well is because of

good service. Please issue medallions to individuals who are driving more than 156 shifts.

- **Peter Witt:** Surveyed over 3,500 customers. Has been endorsed by 1,000 drivers. His biggest complaint is the complaint system. Shocked that the Taxi Detail number as the complaint number. The Commission's mandate to sever itself from the police was three years ago. He was violently assaulted by a limo driver a few years ago. There was no investigation by the Taxi Detail. Question the integrity of the Detail's surveys.
- **Barry Taranto:** Took a passenger to 4th and Irving, then decided to check out 9th and Irving. A couple asked him the cost to go to the Holiday Inn on Pine and Van Ness. He estimated $13. The couple decided to take MUNI. He wanted to serve the neighborhood, but no one in the neighborhood wanted to take a taxi. Friday and Saturday are good, but on other nights it is rough. The limos and vans are competing with taxi service. The Cab Stand at the Marriott was moved to Stevenson Street, which is not working.
- **Ed Burke:** Presented plan on break down of meter rate between San Francisco and the Airport. The Meter rate should be posted on the side of the cab, especially when customers share a cab. There is a proposal to decrease gates by $25, which is about $50 to a medallion holder/ day. This would cause great havoc in the industry. We should promote the taxi business.
- **Jim Kennedy:** This time last year, he presented a 17-page document to the Commission. The three years on the ramp vans have come true. The permit holders are not insured. The cabs are insured, but not the ramp taxi drivers. He drove a ramp cab for three years. No one ever told him that he was not insured. If Yellow notified him, where is the paper?
- **Tom Stagalini:** Upset by an editorial by a Commissioner. According to the editorial, the events of Sept. 11 did little to disrupt the permit holder's share of his lease revenue. He disagrees. The medallion holder took a reduction, not for the company, but for the driver. The Commissioner further stated that she sits there and watches her colleagues approve permits to limo drivers. Why has anyone tried to change the system, i.e. instead of 156 shifts, make it a long-term deal? The Commissioner says that contrary to Nakamura's claim, all senior drivers are permit holders. There are many drivers who have long- term commitments, but never obtained a medallion because they were not properly informed or the application process was discouraged by the inequities in the system. He disagrees. People had the opportunity, but did not want to pay or thought the medallion would not be worth anything. The Commissioner was opposed to a meter rate. The meter rate is the costs of doing business.
- **Murai:** A myth has been perpetrated around permit holders. Any taxicab driver can be a permit holder. We are not a group of privilege persons to be demonized. The more the permit holders drive, the more her income is hurt because permit holders are only making half of what they were. The $25 gate reduction sounds benign, but if you add it up, it is $2 million/month. According to the UTW, the company should not bare the costs. The permit holders should pay.
- **John Roberts, Luxor:** Approximately seven years ago he began driving a taxicab. In 1999, he was offered to be a full-time bus driver by MUNI. He decided deny the job and continue to drive at Luxor cab.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Responded to criticism of the UTW article. Everything is relative. Permit holders at certain companies have been asked to give up maybe $100/month out of their checks. Maybe a little more at companies and maybe none at other companies. This is a very tiny hit as compared to what the drivers are dealing with. Out at the airport, a driver confessed that he, his wife and four kids had to apply for food stamps.
- **Joseph Felishman:** Our checks at Service Taxi have been decreased by 25% since 9/11. It is not true that we are getting $100 less.

4. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2002 MINUTES

a. Public Comment:

- **Peter Witt:** Questioned the integrity of the minutes.

Commissioner Wiener moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet
NOE: None
EXCUSED: Leong

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Public Comment

- **James Kennedy:** Protesting the permit to Kamal Jammally for the March 26, 2002 meeting. He should have been purged from the list. The number one guy on the waiting list has been number one for five years.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet
NOE: None
EXCUSED: Leong

6. TAXICAB COMMISSION SPECIAL ACTIONS

A. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUEST TO CALENDAR ITEMS.

Commissioner McGuire: (1) Requested that the Commission review the current practices of the Taxi Detail policy regarding the posting of crime bulletins of incidents involving taxi drivers at cab companies and dispatch offices. Thanked Commissioner Wiener for posting the Luxor robberies. (2) Requested a hearing on the status of corporate medallions in which the ownership has changed by more than 10% and these permits have not been returned to the City. Would like the Executive Director to prepare a report.

Commissioner Gillespie: (1) Requested a hearing regarding the first set ramp taxicabs medallion holders that are completing their five year commitment. Would like a report on whose medallions are up in December and what will be the transition period procedures? (2) Recommends that everyone see August Wilson's play *Jitney*.

Commissioner Breslin: Congratulated and thanked President Sweet and Vice President Gillespie for their service on the Taxicab Commission and accepting the Commissioners' vote of confidence. She is pleased to see that the agenda contains issues and proposal that advance aspects of taxicab service instead of only disciplinary issues.

Commissioner Sweet: Would like the Executive Director to look into the procedures with DPT in regards to moving a taxicab stand.

Commissioner Alunan: (1) Praised the Paratransit Survey. (2) Would like to look into a binding Disability Policy for taxicab drivers. (3) Concerned about ramp taxi medallions going to small companies. The smaller companies are not picking up wheelchair calls. Would like to do a survey of drivers who are actually picking up persons with disabilities. (4) Would like 10% of taxicabs fleet wheelchair accessible. Therefore, he proposes 61 new ramp taxi medallions.

a. Public Comment:

- **James Kennedy:** He has the list of the 17 people who were given ramp tax permits on December 17, 1997. There are no regular permits available for them. Who is going to pay for the additional 10% of ramp taxicab vehicles? MUNI is not going to buy the cab. Please put him on the agenda.
- **Steve Reimers:** San Francisco is one of the most accessible cities because of Mr. Alunan. Pleased to hear his recommendation regarding looking into the waybill. Very few people are servicing the disabled community. The small companies are not doing their share.
- **Bruce Oka:** He and Commissioner Alunan go way back. A few PC&N hearings ago, Bruce recommended that 25% of the fleet be wheelchair accessible. He will accept 10% for now.
- **Peter Witt:** There is a problem with the two waiting lists and they are very disruptive. There is overhead costs and extra time involved with the paratransit program. What happened to Luxor's survey?

7. STAFF REPORT

Sgt. Vince Simpson, Taxicab Detail: During the past three weeks, there has been a series of taxicab robberies that have occurred in the late evening and early morning hours. The suspects, described as an African American male, 25-35 yrs., 5'8" – 6'1" tall, 150-180 lbs., and an African American female, 20-30yrs., 5'3" – 5'5" tall, weighing 120 lbs., flag down cabs along Market Street or Van Ness Street corridor and directs drivers to either the Ocean View or

Western Addition area and robs them at gun point.

Currently, the Robbery Detail is working on obtaining a better description. Notices will be posted at the color schemes. **IF A TAXICAB DRIVER IS IN AN EMERGENCY, THE DRIVER SHOULD CALL 553-8090.** The Taxi Detail also recommends that the companies briefly review their Dispatch Service's Standard Emergency Procedures with their drivers.

9. DISCUSSION AND SUNSHINE ORDINANCE TRAINING

a. Public Comment

- **Peter Witt:** Would like the Commission to learn the difference between antidotal testimony and evidence. He produced a survey for the last four years of random 1,000 customers.
- **Rua Graffis:** Asked Deputy City Attorney Olsen to explain serial meetings.

10. HEARING AND DISCUSSION ON SPUR REPORT

a. Public Comment:

- **Jim Gillespie, SF Taxi Association:** There are some recommendations that are fine. However, the Association is very disappointed in the report. They did not adequately survey people in the taxicab industry in San Francisco. SPUR did not talk to Luxor or DeSoto. Spur talked to Hal Mellegard, from Yellow Cab, briefly over the telephone. There was a 50/50 meter in San Francisco for many years. You cannot monitor or regulate the meter.
- **Joseph Fleishman:** Does not agree with the 50/50 meter recommendation. The split meter system in New York City failed. The idea of de-politicizing the issuance of permits in the City is a good recommendation. Disagrees that there is a class system because of an artificial scarcity of medallions.
- **Peter Witt:** Thanked SPUR for consulting an independent professional source, Nelson/Nygaard. "None of the industry's participants have an incentive to expand the market." This statement refers to the short-term drivers. Putting out cabs because of politics is irresponsible. Do not agree with peak-time cabs. He does agree with cab sharing at peak-times.
- **Steven Reimers:** Eliminate downtown parking to 8 p.m. at night. Eliminate valet parking. Proposition K needs to be amended. A GPS system is already at the larger companies. The other companies need to get on board.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Commended the SPUR report. He does not agree with every one of the recommendations. For many years he advocated for centralized dispatch. The report recommends against centralized dispatch. These recommendations should be given a close look.
- **Barry Taranto:** It's worth taking a look at incentives instead of only looking at performance. Not sure that the split-meter will work because it would provide a disincentive to those who work hard. However, there should be a reward for drivers who work hard on a slow night.
- **George England:** Thanked Mary McGuire for telling it the way it is in the cab business. Would like to commend SPUR for the report. Proposition K is seriously flawed and needs to be changed.
- **Ruach Graffis:** This is an excellent report even though none of us agree with everything. The report assumes that centralized dispatch would be a central telephone. She recommends an integrated dispatch. Whereas the companies keep their own dispatch, but if they do not answer after a requisite number of rings, the call rolls over to centralize dispatch. If the call is not filled within 5 minutes, then the call rolls over to centralized dispatch. Driver training class should be looked at and be at a neutral location.

11. HEARING AND DISCUSSION ON INSURANCE COSTS AND AVAILABILITY OF TAXICABS

a. Public Comment:

- **James Kennedy:** Should cancel the Paratransit contract. Each company is required to have $ 1 Million of insurance. Should go to the MTA and get some transit funds. Believes Yellow Cab does not insure ramped taxicab owners.
- **Mark Gruberg:** He pays $5,200/year for $1million liability insurance. This insurance broker has raised his rate to about $6,000 not $8,500. This is about a 15% increase. The sky is not falling.

- **Jim Gillespie:** The premiums at Desoto Cab: A $55,000 deductible; $3200/year per cab for a $55,000 deductible. The insurance premium is increasing to about $4000 - $4,5000/cab. Multiply that by 100 cabs. Workers comp premium is around $250,000/year, and the renewal is coming up around April 1st. Only a few companies are willing to give workers comp insurance. Therefore, the premium will probably increase to over $300,000. Desoto has been reduced its overhead to pay for the fixed gate fee and the increasing insurance premiums.
- **Jim Nakamura:** For many beginning drivers, the only chance they have to break into the business is at the bigger companies. As soon as you have an accident at a smaller company, they show you the door. For this reason, the smaller companies are able to keep their insurance premiums low.

8. HEARING AND APPROVAL OF NEIGHBORHOOD TAXICAB STANDS PILOT PROGRAM

a. Public Comment:

- **Barry Taranto:** Great that Commissioners Wiener and Gillespie went out and looked at taxicab stands. He supports Haight & Masonic. He worked extensibly on 555 California and Caltrains Depot. What will work is: 18th & Castro, Geary & Fillmore, Union & Buchanan, 9th & Irving, and some of the hotel. Haight & Fillmore is dangerous. Look at taxicab stands in the North Beach area.
- **Steven Reimers:** Agrees with Barry. Anytime you stop and someone can jump into your cab is dangerous. He supports a pole, somewhat like a telephone pole, where people can go to hail a cab.
- **Joseph Fleishman:** Asked the Commission to consider some of the corners addressed by other members of the public.
- **Peter Witt:** Asked the Commission to consider other corners.
- **Rua Graffis:** Asked the Commission to consider other corners.

Commissioner Breslin moved to approve the neighborhood taxicab stand pilot program. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet
NOE: None
EXCUSED: Leong

13. ADJOURNMENT at 10:30 p.m.

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1. Pledge of allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of the Minutes for the March 12, 2002 Taxicab Commission Meeting. [ACTION]
5. Approval of the Consent Calendar [ACTION]
6. Taxicab Commission Special Actions:
   A. Announcements
   B. Requests to Calendar Items
7. Staff Report
8. Hearing and Possible Approval of a Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to Adopt an Ordinance Increasing the Meter Rate to Benefit the Taxicab Enforcement Fund, the Paratransit Broker and the Taxicab Driver. [ACTION]
9. Hearing and Possible Approval of Adding a Taxicab Commission Rule Requiring all Taxicabs to be Equipped with Safety Cameras. [ACTION]
10. Hearing and Possible Approval of Request by Veterans Taxicab Co./ Arrow Cab for a Further Extension Until April 2002 to Replace 1998 Vehicles with New Taxicabs. [ACTION]
11. Adjournment

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Regular Meeting
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CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Ayman Abugharib	Maksim Alekseev	Ali Alghazali	Mohammad Ali
Zafar Ali	Luis Avalos	Nezar Asad	Renato Azavedo
Michael Bently	Renato Bezerra	Eid Eid	Hugues Durand
Daniel Faur	Franklin Filho	Valeriy Girshfeld	Massimo Giulio
Stephen Gluck	Mauro Guarda	Igor Harea	Jeffrey Htaung
James Jones	Lawrence Lui	Azhar Majeed	Jair DaCosta Marinho Jr.
Suleiman Qaisi	Khun Sai	Karla Silva	Emrys Wright
Yu Yang			

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to:

	Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme	Effective Date
1.	Essam Al Kashef	985	BW Checker to National Cab	03/27/2002
2.	Bashir Kahn	1211	BW Checker to Desoto Cab	03/27/2002
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C. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Medallion Holder permit to:

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Kamal Jamally	141	BW Checker

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:	RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER
None	None

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change
John Bartholomew	*352*	*Luxor Cab to American Cab*
Michael Cariglino	*972*	*Luxor Cab to Yellow Cab*
Thomas Fahy	*947*	*Regents Cab to Bay Cab*
Kamen Kamenov	*1054*	*National Cab to BW Checker*
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Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Sweet; Gillespie; Alunan: Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Wiener

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT SWEET AT 6:30 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little – Executive Director of the Taxicab Commission; Inspector Farrell Suslow, Sergeant Vince Simpson – Taxicab Detail

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. **Hal Mellegard, Yellow Cab** – In favor of camera in vehicles. Cost would be approximately 1/3 of $1 million for Yellow Cab to install all vehicles with cameras. What about maintanence? Where will the money come from?
2. **Barry Taranto** – Thanked Java One for their business. Supports Commissioner Wiener in taxi stands. Would like to help by going to various places and getting the support for the taxi stands. The Commission needs to get DPT to enforce the taxi stands at all times. Propose to the Hotel Council that all medium sized hotels have at least one or two spaces for taxis.
3. **Jim Gillespie, DeSoto Cab** – Gate fees and meter rates need to be reevaluated with the rising overhead costs.
4. **Jean Normand, Taxi Driver** - Supports $25 gate decrease for drivers. 100% of cab drivers gate fees are profit for the cab companies.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approval of the Minutes for the March 12, 2002 Taxicab Commission meeting

Commissioner Weiner moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
RECUSED: Leong

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

A & B. Commissioner Weiner moved to recommend the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Driver Public Passenger Vehicle Permits and Taxicab Color Scheme Changes. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None

C. Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve a Taxicab Medallion Holder permit to "Kamal Jamally". Commissioner Alunan seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, Wiener
NOES: None
RECUSED: McGuire

6. TAXICAB COMMISSION SPECIAL ACTIONS

A. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Breslin: 1) A documentary on the San Francisco taxi industry was mailed to her. The documentary can be obtained for $10 at Virgin 69, 151 Valencia Street (at Dubose St.) or online at kgiaccomo@aol.com. 2) Herb Caen Days are April 3-7, 2002. The Protocol Office is working with restaurants in rolling back prices including special priced Martinis. The Protocol Office is encouraging the public to take taxis. T-shirts and buttons are available for any taxi driver that would like to wear them during these days. 3) The Convention and Visitors Bureau is offering to link their website to any company website and list the companies that will be willing to drive people around the City to various Herb Caen events.

Commissioner McGuire: Thanked Officer John Nevin on capturing the taxi bandit. Thanked Sgt. Vince Simpson for the memo advising taxi drivers of the westbound Bay Bridge closure on Saturday night and informing them on what they can and cannot charge customers. What is the status on the resolution Commissioner Leong requested from the PUC to increase enforcement? Supports Commissioner Leong's resolution.

Commissioner Gillespie: Commended the Police Department for the work they did on capturing the person or persons committing crimes on taxi drivers. Thanked Commissioner Breslin for her work on the Herb Caen Days. Congratulated Kamal Jamally on getting his medallion.

7. STAFF REPORT

Executive Director Little: Presented the 2001 Annual Report required by the San Francisco Charter. The biggest accomplishment was the hiring of the Executive Director, who could galvanize the transition of permitting, auditing and customer service duties from the Police Department to the Taxicab Commission. The primary focus of the Commission was to streamline its procedures and policies. The Commission held hearings on the permitting process, the quality of dispatch services, established procedures at color schemes and addressed the age and maintenance of vehicles. The Commission issued 47 permits, 17 ramped taxicab permits, and 826 driver passenger vehicle permits. The Commission worked closely with the Paratransit Program making sure that each color scheme became a member of the program and seeking solutions for the vehicle maintenance problems. The Commission initiated dialogue with the Presidio Trust and the Port Authority in establishing a relationship with the taxi industry. Guidelines for the Board of appeals were established. We initiated a positive dialogue with DPT which will hopefully result in better access to customers. The Commission cracked down on unlawful solicitation by limousine drivers and out-of-town taxicabs by increasing the infraction penalties violating drivers have to pay. The annual Safety hearing was held separately from the Taxicab Commission Meeting for the first time. The Taxicab Commission held its annual Public Convenience and Necessity hearing.

8. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT AND ORDINANCE INCREASING THE METER RATE TO BENEFIT THE TAXICAB ENFORCEMENT FUND, THE PARATRANSIT BROKER AND THE TAXICAB DRIVER

Executive Director Little request item #8 to be continued.

9. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ADDING A TAXICAB COMMISSION RULE REQUIRING ALL TAXICABS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH SAFETY CAMERAS.

   a. Public Comment

Jim Gillespie: Don't oppose cameras, but curious as to where funding will come from.
Jim O'Connor, National Cab Co.: Supports cameras but where is funding coming from?
Barry Taranto: Funding must be part of the proposal; prefers a panic button where the individual gets caught during the crime not after. Photographs should be posted so drivers can protect themselves.
Mickey Kelly: Citywide Taxi charged ½ gate fees for a month after September 11. He does not have a 50% profit margin and is still getting over that loss. Four months later there was a shortage of drivers and all the shifts are not getting filled. Companies don't have the money to install cameras.
Richard Hybels: National and Metro are not filling all the shifts; Metro doesn't have the money to install cameras. There is no evidence that cameras will deter any crimes.
Charles Rathbone, Medallion holder: The Journal of the American Medical Association reports security cameras are not effective. In Toronto, simple assaults declined, but assaults with weapons in which the driver was injured increased by 23%. Also in Toronto, the judge threw out the pictures of the first case using crime photos from a taxicab. Asked the Commission to amend the proposal to allow partitions as an option. Submitted documents with facts presented to the Commission.
Ruach Graffis: Supports cameras in cabs, but this should not be the end of safety issues. Companies should provide the safety equipment.
Tara Houseman: Why is it necessary for all cabs to be tied to the color scheme? The medallion holder should be allowed to upgrade equipment if requested. Feels refresher training for dispatchers and drivers is necessary.
Jean Normand: Who will pay for cameras? He only wants the pictures used for criminal use and not to be used against him for eating his sandwich.
Rashid Rahimi, 49er Cab Co.: Safety is his main concern.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to continue item #9 until April 23, 2002. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None

10. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY VETERANS TAXICAB CO./ARROW CAB FOR A FURTHER EXTENSION UNTIL JULY 2002 TO REPLACE 1998 VEHICLE WITH NEW TAXICABS

Emery Speck: Requested an extension to replace 1998 vehicles until the end of July 2002.

Commissioner Wiener moved to approve the extension until the end of July 2002. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None

11. ADJOURNMENT at 8:30 p.m.

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TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

April 9, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of the Minutes for the March 26, 2002 Taxicab Commission Meeting. [ACTION]
5. Approval of the Consent Calendar [ACTION]
6. Taxicab Commission Special Actions:
   A. Announcements
   B. Requests to Calendar Items
7. Hearing and Possible Suspension or Revocation of the Medallion Holder Permit Held by Vernon Liddell. [ACTION]
8. Hearing and Possible Suspension or Revocation of the Medallion Holder Permit Held by Surinder Singh. [ACTION]
9. Hearing and Possible Revocation of the Driver Public Vehicle Permit Held by Wael Qahhaz. [ACTION]
10. Adjournment

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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Nizar Ayadi	Rajan Bartaola	Abdelhakim Belloulid	Willie Bender
Patrick Burke	Steven Carmel	Ales Cerny	Steven Coco
Myles Chapell	Ronald Cho	Michael Fuday	Louie Chishan
Gennady Gorokhovsky	R. Borhen Hammami	Soufiane Jebali	Arthur John Jr.
Wael Karakra	Igor Kashtan	Kabir Kazimi	Zohaib Khan
Oliver Martinez	Mauro Martins	Alexandre Mattos	Hicham Mesfioui-Raja
Urima Mila	Karim Moussaoui	Orneal Murraine	Ruben Nersesov
Gage Opdenbrouw	Santosh Pathak	Noor-Ullah Popal	Eduardo Pucci
Nabil Sarih	Seyf Sayadi	Lazar Shapiro	Kim Siaton
Hamek Singh	Anis Talbi	Christophe Ventura	Belay Workneh

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to:

	Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme	Effective Date
1.	John Bartholomew	352	Luxor Cab to American Cab	04/10/02
2.	Michael Cariglino	972	Luxor Cab to Yellow Cab	04/10/02
3.	Thomas Fahy	947	Regents Cab to Bay Cab	04/10/02
4.	Kamen Kamenov	1054	National Cab to BW Checker	04/10/20
5.	Cuong Tran	1251	Regents Cab to Luxor Cab	04/10/02
6.	Gloria Tripoli	25,26,27,28	Town Taxi to National Cab	04/10/02

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:
None

RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER
None

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

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Commission Chambers – Room 400
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6:30 PM

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Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Sweet; Gillespie; Breslin; McGuire; Wiener

ABSENT: Alunan; Leong

PRESIDENT SWEET CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:35 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little, Executive Director - Taxicab Commission; Lieutenant Bruce Lorin, Inspector Farrell Suslow, Sergeant Vince Simpson – Taxicab Detail

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **Barry Taranto** – Acknowledged Yellow Cab on GPS system. There was an Oncologist event at the Exploritorium Monday evening. Super Shuttle stated transportation was included in ticket price therefore no cabs were needed. The Convention & Visitors Bureau's meeting planners should encourage the use of cabs. Black & White Checker has an agreement to hotel fares to the airport and other destinations. Asked the Taxicab Commission to investigate as to why drivers need to pay to take fares to the airport.
- **Peter Witt** – Commended Commissioner Leong for pushing the Limousine reform. Expressed confidence in Executive Director Little in her ability to be a steady rudder and her open willingness to have dialogue with drivers. Customers and the Commission have a bad attitude towards drivers.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 26, 2002 TAXICAB COMMISSION MEETING**

- **Peter Witt** – Noted the minutes approved 4 weeks ago had a clerical error showing 8 members present.

Commissioner Wiener moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan, Leong

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Commissioner Gillespie moved to recommend the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Driver Public Passenger Vehicle Permits. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan, Leong

B.1, 3-6 Commissioner Gillespie moved to recommend the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Taxicab Color Scheme Changes. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan, Leong

B.2 Commissioner Gillespie moved to recommend the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Taxicab Color Scheme Change. Commissioner Breslin seconds the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, McGuire
NOES: None
RECUSED: Wiener
ABSENT: Alunan, Leong

6. TAXICAB COMMISSION SPECIAL ACTIONS

A. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner McGuire – 1) Requested monthly posting of robbery reports at cab companies. 2) Remind drivers of requirements of change of address or cab companies, they need to notify Taxicab Detail of changes. Requested adjournment of meeting in memory of Alfred Riggs, medallion #1066, who died early March 2002.

Commissioner Gillespie – 1) Would like to join Commissioner McGuire in the memorial. 2) Would like to know how things are working at Pacific Bell Park with the new taxi stands. 3) Would like to counter a hearing in May with regards to Mayor Brown's challenge to the City of San Francisco to reduce carbon dioxide by 20% below 1999 levels.

Commissioner Wiener – 1) Showed signs to be displayed on tops of cabs. 2) Noted typographical error on March 26, 2002 minutes asked Commission to make necessary changes regarding Commissioner Franklin.

Commissioner Sweet - Personal attacks during public comment will not be tolerated.

- **Peter Witt** – Asked to place items on agenda: discussion on SPUR report; update of taxi stands placed 4 weeks ago; effects of added cabs (non medallion holders vs. corporate profits, volume of customers served); accident rate; public safety; insurance rates; airport fees; dispatch enforcement; future of ramp drivers; lack of funds to operate Taxicab Commission; enforcement of Taxicab Detail; survey policies; inflation rates and meter rates.

Sergeant Simpson – Second suspect (female) from robbery series in custody. Both suspects are pending a hearing scheduled in the later part of April.

Inspector Suslow – After 5 years on ramp program, permittees are restored on the regular medallion eligibility list in rank order prior to December 17, 1997 issuance of ramp medallion. Medallions will be issued accordingly as they become available.

Commissioner Gillespie – Can ramp medallion holders keep using their permits until they are next in line for a regular medallion? Inspector Suslow answers, "Yes, they may keep the ramp medallion as long as they wish".

Commissioner Wiener – Confirmed ramp permit holders that were eligible for a medallion during the 5-year commitment will be next in line for regular permit.

7. And 8. HEARING AND POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE MEDALLION HOLDER PERMIT HELD BY VERNON LIDDELL AND SURINDER SINGH

Executive Director Little asked the Taxicab Commission to continued items 7 and 8 due to permit holders not being served amended complaints. Concurrence of items 7 and 8 continued until May 14, 2002.

- **Barry Taranto** – Mr. Liddell runs his permit from Ohio. Asked Taxicab Commission to proceed quickly in revocation. Medallion #52 lives in Alaska, how could waybills be found at the company? Asked Taxicab Commission to investigate.
- **Peter Witt** – Accused Taxicab Commission of being dysfunctional.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to continue items 7 and 8.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Wiener
NOES: None
RECUSED: McGuire
ABSENT: Alunan, Leong

9. HEARING AND POSSIBLE REVOCATION OF THE DRIVER PUBLIC VEHICLE PERMIT HELD BY WAEL QAHHAZ.

Testimonies were heard from Sergeant Vince Simpson, of the Taxicab Detail, and Mr. Wael Qahhaz.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to revoke Mr. Wael Qahhaz's driver of public passenger vehicle for hire permit #87845. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan, Leong

10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment in memory of Alfred Riggs, Medallion #1066 at 7:48 p.m.

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REGULAR MEETING

April 23, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.
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Room 400

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of the Minutes for the April 9, 2002 Taxicab Commission Meeting and Amendment of the February 26, 2002, March 26, 2002, and April 9, 2002 Minutes to Remove Former Commissioner Franklin's Name from Being In-Attendance. [ACTION]
5. Approval of the Consent Calendar [ACTION]
6. Taxicab Commission Announcements & Requests to Calendar Items
7. Hearing and Possible Approval of Whether the Full Time Driving Requirement is an Essential Eligibility Requirement for Purposes of Reviewing Requests for Modification Under the Americans with Disability Act and Determining Whether Such Requests Would Fundamentally Alter the Nature of the Program. [ACTION]
8. Hearing and Possible Approval of Whether the Five Year Commitment to the Ramped Taxi Program, the Physical Responsibilities of a Ramped Taxi Driver (i.e. Securing or Pushing a Wheelchair), and Use of a Ramped Taxi Vehicle Requirements are Essential Eligibility Requirements for Purposes of Reviewing Requests under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Determining Whether Such Requests Would Fundamentally Alter the Nature of the Program. [ACTION]
9. Hearing on Request from a Ramped Taxi Medallion Holder to Approve a Disability Based Modification to Be Released from the Five Year Commitment to the Ramped Taxi Program or to Place the Ramped Taxi Medallion in a Spare Taxicab. [POSSIBLE ACTION]
10. Hearing and Possible Approval of Adding a Taxicab Commission Rule Requiring All Taxicabs be Equipped with Safety Cameras. (Continued from March 26, 2002) [ACTION]
11. Hearing and Discussion to Amend the Taxicab Commission's Penalty Fine Schedule by Adding Fines to Rules 5.H.17 Requiring Color Schemes to Post Daily Gate Fees and 5.C. 34 Requiring All Taxicabs be Equipped with Safety Cameras. [ACTION]
12. Hearing and Possible Approval of Resolution Requesting the Executive Director to Send a Letter to the California Public Utilities Commission Requesting Stronger Enforcement of Limousines Unlawfully Soliciting Passengers on San Francisco Streets Sidewalks and Other Public Places. [ACTION]
13. Hearing and Possible Approval of Resolution Encouraging Civil Public Testimony and Communications. [ACTION]
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Toan Chau	Hamdy Bashar	Gaurav Dhaka	Abdul Ghaffar
Anderson Guimaraes	Javier Gutierrez	John Hasselt	Fakhri Hechmi
Sung Huynh	Bernard Khoo	Scott Klein	El Hassan Labay
Andre Lara	Robert McDaniels	Colin Messmore	Mohammad Mehmood
Feleke Mirga	Mehdi Msaddek	Mohamed Saif	Ricci Sims
Keven Wong			

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RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER None

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

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Five Star Cab Co.	*413/414*	*Regents Cab to Bay Cab*
Ronald Goldberg	*412*	*Regents Cab to Bay Cab*
Farouk Khodor	*839*	*Regents Cab to Bay Cab*
Joseph Klebanov	*1277*	*United Cab to Luxor Cab*
Hoang Le	*1174*	*Regents Cab to Bay Cab*
James Mills	*1182*	*49er Cab to Yellow*
Louis Nmezie	*9046*	*Regents Cab to Royal Taxi*
Mohammad Noor	*9012*	*DeSoto Cab to Luxor Cab*
Davis Roche	*462*	*Big Dog City to DeSoto Cab*
Viboon Vannakittikun	*171*	*Regents Cab to Bay Cab*
Shew Yee	*100*	*Regents Cab to Bay Cab*

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Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Sweet; Gillespie; Alunan; Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Wiener

PRESIDENT SWEET CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:36 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little, Executive Director - Taxicab Commission; Lieutenant Bruce Lorin, Inspector Farrell Suslow, Sergeant Vince Simpson – Taxicab Detail

2. ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.

13. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING CIVIL PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Commissioner Weiner moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Barry Taranto** – Asked the Commission for support of the airport pass through fee at the next Board of Supervisor's Finance Committee hearing. On May 9, 2002 the Transportation and Commerce Committee will meet to approve of the extension of the taxi stand at 555 California. Muni inspectors are issuing tickets at the O'Farrell Theatre after midnight. Business has decreased.
- **Murai** – Congratulated United Taxi Workers on their efforts on the airport pass through fee and 555 California extensions. Would like to see drivers having to drive one year prior to putting their name on the medallion waiting list. This would eliminate those who really don't want to drive.
- **Jamie Maddox** – In favor of a modest meter increase and modest gate increase. If meter increase is to happen within a year, suggest doing something now and not in 6 months. Timing is everything.
- **Mike Spain** – Supports a 14% gate increase and 10% meter increase.
- **John Lazar** – Rising cost in doing business. Cab companies are regulated but cannot regulate the vendors. In support of meter and gate increase.
- **Tom Stanghellini** - Cost of insurance rising. In favor of meter increase. Government mandates have not help.
- **Joseph Fleishman, Communications Director** – Speaking on behalf of SF Permit Holders & Drivers Association – Asked Taxicab Commission to include on the agenda 2 weeks notices of revocation hearings proceeding.

- **Ruach Graffis, United Taxicab Workers** – Getting a lot of drive away tickets without being informed by DPT or Muni inspector. There is a need for more taxi stands so drivers don't get tickets. Drivers would like to know what the taxicab drivers bill of rights are when the drivers are brought up before the Taxicab Detail or before the Commission on disciplinary hearings. Asked the Commission to create a Taxicab Drivers Bill of Rights that would state drivers should be informed x number of days ahead of time and the driver would have a right to bring in their own interpreter and/or representative.
- **Jim Kennedy** – Announced that the Transportation and Commerce Committee would meet on Thursday, April 25, 2002 on the ramp taxis 5 year commitment. Ramp taxis have a higher cost than sedans.
- **Dave Monks, SFO Governmental Affairs** – Invited everyone to attend the San Francisco Airport's Clean Air Vehicle Expo on May 8, 2002. Display of latest natural gas and electric passenger cargo vehicles available in North America.
- **Rick Judd, Attorney for the Permit Holders & Drivers Association** – Request for extra time on item #7.

15. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 9, 2002 TAXICAB COMMISSION MEETING AND AMENDMENT OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2002, MARCH 26, 2002 AND APRIL 9, 2002 MINUTES.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve the minutes with the amendments.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Commissioner Gillespie moved to recommend the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Driver Public Passenger Vehicle Permits. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None

B.1, B.6 Commissioner Gillespie moved to recommend the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Taxicab Color Scheme Changes. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire
NOES: None
RECUSED: Wiener

B.2-5 Commissioner Gillespie moved to recommend the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Taxicab Color Scheme Changes. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None

6. TAXICAB COMMISISON ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUESTS TO CALENDER ITEMS

Commissioner McGuire – Requested from Taxicab Detail monthly taxicab crime bulletins to be posted at cab companies. Suggested ramp taxi users log a complaint to Taxicab Detail when cab companies say there are no ramp taxis available.

Commissioner Wiener – Gave an update on the new taxicab stands. DPT is doing internal investigation in determining whether there is support for taxi stands in the neighborhoods. DPT will hold hearings soon. Hope to have them up by the summer. Will have a written proposal at the next Commission meeting regarding a 4hour drivers training course to be added to the current taxicab requirements.

7. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF WHETHER THE FULL TIME DRIVING REQUIREMENT IS AN ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR PURPOSE OF REVIEWING REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND DETERMINING WHETHER SUCH REQUEST WOULD FUNDAMENTALLY ALTER THE NATURE OF THE PROGRAM

- **Jamie Maddox** - Does not agree with the proposed full time driving requirement as an essential eligibility requirement.

- **Hugh Fontaine, Permit Holder** - Local Union #265, the largest Teamsters Taxi Union in the United States, started to fall apart because of Proposition K. Drivers thought getting a medallion would set them up for life. Analogized the permit to a union pension. Gave up being a dispatcher to meet the full time driving requirements. No personal guarantee that he can drive till he dies. He's 63 and of retirement age. Believes he has paid his dues and stop driving for a while. Believes drivers who are becoming of retirement age could be an absentee medallion holder by driving less shifts. He does not want to stop driving because it is a disgusting job. He loves driving a cab.
- **Dirt Neyhart** – Would like to drive a cab, but cannot to due to an injury sustained while on the job. People who served the City should be given a disability provision. The Commission has the opportunity to accept, reject or modify the driving requirements.
- **Anne McVeigh** – Would like to have more time to review the proposed resolution on full-time driving. Believes the proposal is inhuman and unfair.
- **Murai** – All City employees get disability except cab drivers and permit holders. Why should the City take away from the cab drivers and medallion holders something that doesn't cost them anything.
- **Carl Macmurdo** – Prefers the permit be in continual operation instead of full time driving.
- **Ron Wolter, Permit Holder** – In favor of the full-time driving resolution.
- **Joseph Fleishman** – Why didn't Proposition K mention a definite lifetime driving requirement in 1978?
- **Jim Kennedy** - There was no disability clause when Proposition K was written. The Commission has the discretion to impose what violates the full-time driving requirement. Has submitted proposals that if a driver has driven over 20 years and is 65 years old the Commission could reduce the 156 shifts needed to 70 shifts or if the driver has driven over 30 years and over 65 the he should be given a break.
- **Tara Houseman** – The full time driving requirements excludes permit holders from the Americans With Disability Act.
- **Johnson Akinbodunse, Yellow Cab Driver** – Would like to take a closer look at the proposed resolution. Proposition K needs to be amended.
- **Mark Gruberg** – Agrees in a continuance on the proposed resolution. Objects to Mr. Judd getting additional time to speak being a representative of a private party. Does not believe a taxicab permit was intended to substitute for disability or retirement. Supports the full time driving requirement.
- **Tony Fletcher** – In favor of a continuance on the proposed resolution. There is no stability in the taxi industry.
- **Rick Judd** – Proposition K was for people who intended to drive 75% of the time. The essentials driving requirement force people out on the streets with a disability to drive 156 shifts.
- **Ruach Graffis** – Driving is an essential part of Proposition K. The taxicab industry needs a retirement system and disability for all drivers.
- **Ed Burke** – Does not believe the voters of Proposition K intended for permit holders to lose their medallions because they are unable to drive after many years of service. In favor of a continuance.
- **Herman Trinidad** – Believes the Commission would have a better understanding to the ADA modification if they looked at it from the taxicab driver's perspective.

Commissioner Alunan moved to continue item #7 until May 28, 2002. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None

8. and 9. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF WHETHER THE FIVE YEAR COMMITMENT TO THE RAMPED TAXI PROGRAM, THE PHYSICAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF A RAMPED TAXI DRIVER, AND USE OF A RAMPED TAXI VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PURPOSES OF REVIEWING REQUESTS UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND DETERMINING WHETHER SUCH REQUESTS WOULD FUNDAMENTALLY ALTER THE NATURE OF THE PROGRAM. #9. HEARING ON REQUEST FROM A RAMPED TAXI MEDALLION HOLDER TO APPROVE A DISABILITY BASED MODIFICATION TO BE RELEASED FROM THE FIVE YEAR COMMITMENT TO THE RAMPED TAXI PROGRAM OR TO PLACE THE RAMPED TAXI MEDALLION IN A SPARE TAXICAB.

President Sweet called items 8 & 9 together.

- **Tara Houseman** – Believes these two items should be heard separately. In favor of a continuance.
- **Berhane Assefa** – Opposed to putting a ramped medallion into a spare taxicab.
- **Jim Kennedy** – In favor of separating these two items. Agrees with the physical responsibilities of a ramped taxi driver as part of the essential eligibility requirements.
- **Ron Wolter** – Objects to the practice of combining items together. Questioned who would be approving the disability modification, the Taxicab Commission or the Executive Director? In favor of ramped taxi medallion holder's request for a disability based modification.
- **Johnson Akinbodunse** – In favor of placing the ramped taxi medallion in a spare taxicab.

Commissioner Alunan moved to continue the items 8 and 9 until May 28, 2002. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None

10. **HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ADDING A TAXICAB COMMISSION RULE REQUIRING ALL TAXICABS BE EQUIPPED WITH SAFETY CAMERAS**

- **Ron Wolter** – Suggested doing a pilot program of safety cameras.
- **Charles Rathbone** – Requested the Commission to make the safety cameras a defaulted device for security.
- **Tara Houseman** – In favor of security cameras. Safety cameras should only be a part of security.
- **Jim Gillespie** – In favor of security cameras but not at this time.
- **Jamie Maddox** – Has concerns regarding who will pay the cost of the cameras. Request the removal of the words "or Commission approved" from the proposed safety camera rule due to invasion of privacy.

- **Mark Gruberg** – In favor of safety camera as well as safety shields. Does not believe the cost should be an issue. Agrees with Jamie Maddox on the invasion of privacy issue. Pictures should be restricted to criminal investigations conducted by the police department.
- **Tony Fletcher** – The privacy issue should be taken very seriously. Photographs should be restricted to criminal investigations.
- **Barry Korengold, Taxicab Driver** – There needs to be a notice posted inside the taxicab so the public knows the photographs will be used for criminal investigations only.

Representatives from Raywood Communications and Verifeye Inc.answered questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to a commission rule requiring all taxicabs be equipped with safety cameras, provided that the words "or Commission approved" be removed and the cameras should be installed within nine (9) months. Commissioner Alunan seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: Breslin

11. **HEARING AND DISSUSSION TO AMEND THE TAXICAB COMMISSION'S PENALTY FINE SCHEDULE BY ADDING FINES TO RULES 5.H.17 REQUIRING COLOR SCHEMES TO POST DAILY GATE FEES AND 5.C.34 REQUIRING ALL TAXICABS BE EQUIPPED WITH SAFETY CAMERAS**

- **Inspector Suslow** – Requested the Commission to add penalty fines to rules 5.H.17 and 5.C.34.

Commissioner Gillespie moved the approval of adding the penalty fines. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None

12. **HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SEND A LETTER TO THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION REQUESTING STRONGER ENFORCEMENT OF LIMOUSINE UNLAWFULLY SOLICITING PASSENGERS ON SAN FRANCISCO STREETS SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES**

- **Barry Taranto** – In favor of the letter to the California Public Utilities Commission. Requested changes made to the proposed resolution letter to the California Public Utilities Commission. Paragraph 2 should include ***licensing*** to regulating and enforcing limousine regulations. Requested to add door to door and charter van operators to the resolution letter. Suggested sending copies of the letter to the Governor, State Legislators and Los Angeles Taxi Authority.
- **Tara Houseman** – Suggested someone on the Commission be a liaison to the California Public Utilities Commission to expedite things. The Commission liaison could advocate habitual offenders. The California Public Utilities Commission needs to increase fees and bails.
- **Barry Korengold** – In favor of requesting stronger enforcement of limousines. Tired of seeing limousines soliciting passengers.

Commissioner Wiener moved to approve the resolution requesting stronger enforcement of limousines with the additional words: *licensing, suspending and revoking*. Commissioner Alunan seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None

Commissioner Wiener moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

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REGULAR MEETING

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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of the Minutes for the April 23, 2002 Taxicab Commission Meeting. [ACTION]
5. Approval of the Consent Calendar [ACTION]
6. Taxicab Commission Announcements and Requests to Calendar Items
7. Staff Report
8. Hearing and Possible Suspension or Revocation of Medallion Holder Permit Held by Agripino Alorro. [ACTION]
9. Hearing and Possible Suspension or Revocation of Medallion Holder Permit Held by Charles Kleiman. [ACTION]
10. Hearing and Possible Suspension or Revocation of the Medallion Holder Permit Held by Surinder Singh. [ACTION]
11. Hearing and Possible Suspension or Revocation of the Medallion Holder Permit Held by Vernon Liddell. [ACTION]
12. Hearing and Possible Suspension of the Driver Public Vehicle Permit Held by Ishtiaq Bokhari. [ACTION]
13. Adjournment

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Regular Meeting
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CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Rehimat Acuzai	Oday Alsoltani	Meniru Anigbo	Bryan Bengtson	Jacob Black
Oualid Chaouch	Tesfaye Gizaw	Elsayed Khadra	Aung Lin	Stephen Marlowe
Malik Mohammad	Minh Nguyen	Denis Oakes	Dung Nguyen	Scott Pawlen
Vladimir Radski	Roger Ray	Ricardo Ribas	Sandro Sando	Ranjit Singh
Victor Tizenberg	Matthew Wright	Chuk Wong	Jia Zhang	Sami Aljanaby
Rupak Aryal	Robert Colburn	Fernando Costa	Peter Drbal	David Farley
Matthew Forve	Renato Franca	Law Yin Fu	John Graham	Mourad Hannachi
Mohamed Kanti	Rajesh Kumar	Naceur Marzouk	Malkit Mutiana	Charlie Ng
Zaw Myint Oo	Tej Rai	Mauricio Rossi	Hasan Salim	Eduardo Santos
Lin Swe	Alexandre Silva	Yusuf Taj	Shafeh Thabatah	Igor Tsan

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to:

	Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme	Effective Date
1..	Michael Chang	982	Regents Cab to Bay Cab	05/15/2002
2.	Five Star Cab Co.	413/414	Regents Cab to Bay Cab	05/15/2002
3.	Ronald Goldberg	412	Regents Cab to Bay Cab	05/15/2002
4.	Farouk Khodor	839	Regents Cab to Bay Cab	05/15/2002
5.	Joseph Klebanov	1277	United Cab to Luxor Cab	05/15/2002
6.	Hoang Le	1174	Regents Cab to Bay Cab	05/15/2002
7.	James Mills	1182	49er Cab to Yellow	05/15/2002
8.	Louis Nmezie	9046	Regents Cab to Royal Taxi	05/15/2002
9.	Mohammad Noor	9012	DeSoto Cab to Luxor Cab	05/15/2002
10.	Davis Roche	462	Big Dog City to DeSoto Cab	05/15/2002
11.	Viboon Vannakittikun	171	Regents Cab to Bay Cab	05/15/2002
12.	Shew Yee	100	Regents Cab to Bay Cab	05/15/2002

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:
Vion, Lee; Mary McGuire; Martin Jakob:
Warren King; Peter Kleinman; Robert Kowollik

RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER
None

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change
Elizabeth Anderson	*656*	*Service Cab to Big Dog City*
Diane Cohen	*1147*	*Regents Cab to Bay Cab*
Khalil Jaser	*9049*	*Desoto Cab to National Cab.*
Pablo Gravador	*536*	*Big Dog City to Luxor Cab*
James Maddox	*733*	*Service Cab to Big Dog City*
Jatinder Mann	*1265*	*Regents Cab to United Cab*
Richard Nguyen	*121*	*Regents Cab to Bay Cab*
Joaquin Ruiz	*149*	*Metro Cab to Regents Cab*
William Saw	*1288*	*Regents Cab to Bay Cab*
Keith Raskin	*1137*	*Service Cab to WorldWide Cab*
Steven Tan	*1153*	*Regents Cab to Arrow Cab*

NEW COLOR SCHEME: *Keith Raskin for WorldWide Cab*

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ABSENT: Alunan

PRESIDENT SWEET CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:35 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little, Executive Director - Taxicab Commission; Lieutenant Bruce Lorin, Sergeant Vince Simpson, Inspector Farrell Suslow, Officer Cynthia Kulstad – Taxicab Detail

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL** – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **Jean Lynch, Chair, Paratransit Coordinating Council** – Scheduled a meeting with the Department of Parking & Traffic expressing concerns regarding the ticketing of taxi and van drivers while loading and unloading disabled passengers in blue zones.
- **Barry Taranto** – Per James Howard, Department of Parking & Traffic, parking control officers will be more lenient at 555 California Street. The Parking & Traffic Commission has approved the extension of the taxi stand at 555 California Street. More limousines are using hotel taxi stands. Requested the Commission arrange a meeting with the hotels to use taxis.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 23, 2002 TAXICAB COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Weiner moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Weiner; Gillespie; Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan

5. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Commissioner Weiner moved to recommend the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Driver Public Passenger Vehicle Permits. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Weiner; Gillespie; Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan

B.1-4, 6, 8, 11 and 12 Commissioner Leong moved to continue these items until May 28, 2002. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Weiner; Gillespie; Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan

B.5, 9 and 10 Commissioner Gillespie moved to recommend the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Color Scheme Changes. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Weiner; Gillespie; Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan

B.7 Commissioner Gillespie moved to recommend the Police Taxicab Detail approve the Color Scheme Change. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Gillespie; Sweet
NOES: None
RECUSED: Weiner
ABSENT: Alunan

6. TAXICAB COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS TO CALENDAR ITEMS

Commissioner McGuire – 1) Reminded taxi drivers not to pick up or drop off passengers at Pacific Bell Park in other places other than at the designated taxi stand on 2nd Street. Drive away tickets will be issued. 2) Requested taxicab drivers and the public to report any taxicab equipment violations to the Taxicab Commission Office (415) 554-3940. 3) The $2 airport pass through fee was approved. Requested a report from Taxi Detail and SFO Landside Operation explaining how the legislation will be implemented. 4) Condolences to the Newsom Family.

7. STAFF REPORT

Executive Director Little reported the Board of Supervisors Finance Committee voted to continue the Taxicab Commission's proposal to amend the permit filing fees and licenses fees. The Finance Committee will also consider the FY 2002-2003 Taxicab Commission's budget in June. If the permit fee increases and decreases are passed, the revenues expected are $1,444,250. The Taxicab Commission will work order monies to the Taxicab Detail for operating expenses and salaries. Before considering the permit fee increases, Harvey Roses Office wants an exact break down on what the Police Department work order will entail. The proposed budget will be presented to the Taxicab Commission prior to the Board of Supervisor's Budget Committee. The Board of Supervisor's passed the Ramped Taxicab Program commitment from 5 years to 3 years. The Board also passed the $2 pass through of the Airport Fee. Met with James Howard, DPT, he has agreed to ask Parking Control Officers to be lenient at 555 California Street. Mr. Howard will be sending copies of drive away tickets issued on 3rd Street.

8. HEARING AND POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF MEDALLION HOLDER PERMIT HELD BY AGRIPINO ALORRO

Sergeant Simpson presented the case on behalf of the Taxicab Detail. Mr. Agripino Alorro represented himself.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to suspend Mr. Alorro's permit for one (1) month with one (1) year probation. Mr.

Alorro must submit waybills every three (3) months to the Taxi Detail and to attend taxicab school. Probation will be reviewed at the end of the year. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Wiener; Gillespie; Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan

9. HEARING AND POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF MEDALLION HOLDER PERMIT HELD BY CHARLES KLEIMAN

a. Public Comment

Lieutenant Lorin – Suggested probation to be based on a calendar year. Permit holders should return the cab after each shift to its proper place. If the permit holder fails probation then his/her medallion should be held in abeyance.

Sergeant Simpson presented the case on behalf of the Taxicab Detail. Mr. Charles Kleiman represented himself.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to suspend Mr. Kleiman's permit for three (3) months with one (1) year probation until December 31, 2003. Mr. Kleiman is to turn in his waybills to the Taxi Detail on a monthly basis and to attend taxicab school. If probation is violated, Mr. Kleiman will be considered for revocation. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Gillespie; Sweet
NOES: None
RECUSED: Wiener
ASBENT: Alunan

10. HEARING AND POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF MEDALLION HOLDER PERMIT HELD BY SURINDER SINGH

a. Public Comment

- **Berhane Assefa** – Medallions should be given to drivers willing to serve the public. The Taxicab Commission should be considering more than probation.

Commsioner McGuire moved to revoke Mr. Surinder Singh's permit. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Gillespie; Sweet
NOES: None
RECUSED: Wiener
ABSENT: Alunan

Commissioner Gillespie motion to accept the findings. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Gillespie; Sweet
NOES: None
RECUSED: Wiener
ABSENT: Alunan

11. HEARING AND POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF MEDALLION HOLDER VERNON LIDDELL

Inspector Suslow presented the case on behalf of the Taxicab Detail. No representation for Mr. Liddell.

a. Public Comment

- **Steve Reimers** – In favor of revocation of drivers not fulfilling driving requirements.
- **Berhane Assefa** – In favor of revocation.
- **Jim Gillespie, DeSoto Cab** – Mr. Liddell asked Mr. Gillespie to tell the Commission he was in Ohio taking care of his wife who is diagnosed as schizophrenic and must have around the clock care. Mr. Liddell was aware of the

hearing being held today.

Commissioner Wiener moved to revoke Mr. Liddell's permit. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Wiener; Gillespie; Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan

Commissioner Wiener moved to accept the findings. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Wiener; Gillespie; Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan

12. **HEARING AND POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF DRIVER VEHICLE PERMIT HOLDER ISHTIAQ BOKARHI**

Mr. Bokarhi asked the Commission for a continuance. President Sweet moved to continue until further notice.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** at 8:45 p.m.

Commissioner Leong moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Wiener; Gillespie; Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan

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SPECIAL NOTICE

May 28, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Mayor's Second Floor Balcony

The Honorable Willie L. Brown, Jr. is reappointing Commissioners Lynette Sweet, Paul Gillespie and Sergio Alunan. The Swearing-In Ceremony in on Tuesday, May 28, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. on the Mayor's Balcony.

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As part of the May 28, 2002 Regular Hearing, The San Francisco Taxicab Commission will be holding discussions on the following items:

1. Whether to amend the Taxicab Commission's Rule pertaining to disability base requests for accommodation, which incorporates the federal law definition of disability by adopting the broader state law definition of disability.

2. Whether to amend the Taxicab Commission's Rules pertaining to Driver's Training, by adding four hours of on-road training.

The complete agenda for the May 28, 2002 hearing will follow in a subsequent mailing/posting..

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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of the Minutes for the May 14, 2002 Taxicab Commission Meeting. [ACTION]
5. Approval of the Consent Calendar [ACTION]
6. Taxicab Commission Announcements & Requests to Calendar Items
7. Staff Report
8. Hearing and Possible Approval of Color Scheme Changes To: *continued from 05/14/2002*

	Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
a.	Michael Chang	982	Regents Cab to Bay Cab
b.	Five Star Cab Co.	413/414	Regents Cab to Bay Cab
c.	Ronald Goldberg	412	Regents Cab to Bay Cab
d.	Farouk Khodor	839	Regents Cab to Bay Cab
e.	Hoang Lee	1174	Regents Cab to Bay Cab
f.	Viboon Vannakittikun	171	Regents Cab to Bay Cab
g.	Shew Yee	100	Regents Cab to Bay Cab
h.	Diane Cohen	1147	Regents Cab to Bay Cab
i.	Richard Nguyen	121	Regents Cab to Bay Cab
j.	William Shaw	1288	Regents Cab to Bay Cab
k.	Louis Nmezie	9046	Regents Cab to Royal Taxi
l.	Jatinder Mann	1265	Regents Cab to United Cab
m.	Steven Tan	1153	Regents Cab to Arrow Cab

9. Hearing and Possible Approval of Service Taxi Closure and Dissolution Plan and the Color Scheme Permit Return to the Taxicab Commission, including the following Color Scheme Changes: [ACTION]

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Elizabetth Anderson	656	Service Cab to Big Dog City
James Maddox	733	Service Cab to Big Dog City
Keith Raskin	1137	Service Cab to WorldWide Cab

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10. Hearing and Possible Approval of Whether to Amend the Taxicab Commission's Rule Pertaining to Disability Base Requests for Accommodation, Which Incorporates the Federal Law Definition of Disability by Adopting the Broader State Law Definition of Disability. [ACTION]

11. Hearing and Possible Approval of Adding Taxicab Commission Rule 7.A.9 and 7.A.10, Requiring Four Hours of "On-Road Driver Training." [ACTION]

12. Conference With Legal Counsel [CLOSED SESSION]

    A. Public Comment on all matters pertaining to closed session.
    B. Vote on Whether to Hold Closed Session to Confer With Legal Counsel (San Francisco Administrative Code § 67.10(d)). [ACTION]
    C. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code § 67.10(d): CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: As defendant. Significant exposure to litigation; one case. Statements made by a ramped taxi permitholder James Kennedy threatening to sue the City with regard to his desire to be released from the five year commitment to the ramped taxi program. [DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION]

13. Hearing and Possible Approval of Whether the Full Time Driving Requirement is an Essential Eligibility Requirement for Purposes of Reviewing Requests for Modification Under the Americans with Disability Act and Determining Whether Such Requests Would Fundamentally Alter the Nature of the Program. [ACTION] (Continued from the April 23, 2002 Meeting)

14. Hearing and Possible Approval of Whether the Five Year Commitment to the Ramped Taxi Program, the Physical Responsibilities of a Ramped Taxi Driver (i.e. Securing or Pushing a Wheelchair), and Use of a Ramped Taxi Vehicle Requirements are Essential Eligibility Requirements for Purposes of Reviewing Requests under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Determining Whether Such Requests Would Fundamentally Alter the Nature of the Program. [ACTION] (Continued from the April 23, 2002 Meeting)

15. Possible Approval of Findings Regarding the Suspension and Probation of Medallion Holder Permit Held by Agripino Alorro. [ACTION]

16. Possible Approval of Findings Regarding the Suspension and Probation of Medallion Holder Permit Held by Charles Kleinman. [ACTION]

17. Adjournment.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Abdelramane Aucher	Tony Asgarian	Alexandre Barros	Joe Chang
Elcio Concicao	Ricardo Costenaro	.Wires Dias	Ciro Escalante
Ridha Ezzine	David Lay	Kevin Loc	ZafarMahmood
Sergey Mikalyuk	Osama Mostafa	Terence O'Connor	Kleysson Oliveira
Daniel Pu	Syed Shah	Mohammed Shatrat	Vadim Shmarganer
Lev Shubaev	Kulwinder Singh	Subash Singh	Pe Teo
Sunny Thapa	Mikhail Voloshin		

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to:

	Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme	Effective Date
1.	Khalil Jaser	9049	Desoto Cab to National Cab.	05/29/2002
2.	Pablo Gravador	536	Big Dog City to Luxor Cab	05/29/2002
3.	Joaquin Ruiz	149	Metro Cab to Regents Cab	05/29/2002

C. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Permit to Keith Raskin for WorldWide Cab

D. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of a Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit s to:

	Medallion Holder	Cab #	Color Scheme
1.	Martin Jakob	479	Alliance Cab
2.	Warren King	1066	Luxor Cab
3.	Peter Kleinman	921	National Cab
4.	Vion Lee	788	Bay Cab
5.	Robert Kowollik	478	Yellow Cab
6.	Mary McGuire	474	National Cab

(Documents distributed are in parenthesis) Copies of obtainable documents may be viewed or obtained at the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail, 850 Bryant Street, Room 458.

NOTICE

This is not an agenda item for this meeting, but serves as a public notice.

The following individuals have filed and completed applications for Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits , Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits or Color Scheme Changes which will be reviewed and considered on the June 11,, 2002 hearing: (copies of the applications are available for review at the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail , 850 Bryant Street, Room 458 each Business day from 9am to 4pm)

TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:
Michael Almeida, Michael Hesse, Ray Stanley
Stephen Webb, Douglas Wong, Moustafa Zaria

RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER: None

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES
None

Copies of the Commission's "Procedures for Protesting the Prospective Issuance of a Taxicab/Ramped Taxi Permit (Medallion)" are available upon request at the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail , 850 Bryant Street, Room 458 each Business day from 9am to 4pm

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PRESENT: Sweet; Gillespie; Alunan; Breslin; McGuire; Wiener

ABSENT: Leong

PRESIDENT SWEET CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:40 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little, Executive Director - Taxicab Commission; Captain Thomas O'Neill, Lieutenant Bruce Lorin, Sergeant Vince Simpson, Inspector Farrell Suslow – Taxicab Detail

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Joseph Fleishman** – Request to be put on the next agenda in regards to a Color Scheme change submitted 2 weeks ago to Taxi Detail.
- **Berhane Assefa** – Proposition K requirements must be adhered to.
- **Barry Taranto** – National Cab is working towards making themselves a more viable cab company. Hotel and taxi industries need to work together to better service the public. We need a taxi stand at every hotel and we need to get the front door staff to stop acquiring payments for airport fares from limousine companies for fares that rightfully belong to the taxicab drivers.
- **Mike Spain** – On May 8, 2002 a request for an annual Taxi permit fee increase came before the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors. It was approved and sent to the Budget Committee. The request asks for the permit fee to be raised from $550 to $625 and the program allowing a $220 waiver of fees for paratransit participants to be discontinued. No one from the Taxi Industry appeared at the Finance hearing because no one knew about it. This item was never heard by the Commission (which was created by the voters specifically to hear such matters) and neither you nor I were given the opportunity to discuss it.
- **Murai** – Congratulated Commissioner McGuire on receiving a medallion. Thanked Barry Taranto for his efforts in helping the drivers and permit holders. Unhappy with fee increases.

- **Richard Hybels** – Thanked the Commissioners for allowing the older vehicles to stay on the road for another 4 months. Congratulated Mary McGuire & Peter Kleinman on receiving medallions.
- **Ruach Graffis** – Invited everyone to the Taxicab Drivers and Professional Drivers party on July 16, 2002, 7:30pm at New College, 77 Valencia Street and to the Red Stone Benefit and Lift Christening Party on July 2, 2002.
- **Peter Witt** – Did a survey on a thousand customers and would like to present it at the next Commission meeting.
- **Anthony Fletcher** – Would like to see the budget discussed at the Commission meeting and have public comment on it.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MAY 14, 2002 TAXICAB COMMISISON MEETING

Executive Director Little requested amendments to the motions of line items 8 and 9.

Commissioner Wiener moved to accept the amendments and the approval of the minutes. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Leong

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

5.A and B Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of A) Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits and B) Taxicab Color Scheme Changes.

Commissioner Wiener moved to approve items 5A, and B. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Leong

5.C Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Permit to Keith Raskin for WorldWide Cab

Keith Raskin spoke on behalf of WorldWide Cab.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve the Taxicab Color Scheme Permit. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Leong

5.D.3 and 4 Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits to Peter Kleinman and Vion Lee.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve the Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits. Commissioner Alunan seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Leong

5.D.1 Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to Martin Jakob.

Public Comment:
- Barry Taranto – Alliance taxicab driver #868 has never heard of Mr. Jakob. Asked the Commission review the waybills and schedules of the other drivers of this vehicle.
- **Johnson Akinbudonse** – Commissioners have more than 2 weeks to investigate. Did the Taxi Detail do their jobs?
- **Martin Jakobs** – Accepts a continuance for further investigation.

Commissioner Gillespie asked for a continuance of 2 weeks until the June 11, 2002 Commission meeting. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Leong

5.D.2 Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to Warren King.

Warren King spoke on his own behalf.

Commissioner McGuire moved to approve the Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to Warren King. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Leong

5.D.5 Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of a Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to Robert Kowollik.

Robert Kowollik spoke on his own behalf.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve the Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to Robert Kowollik. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, McGuire, Gillespie, Sweet
NOES: None
RECUSED: Wiener
ABSENT: Leong

5.D.6 Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of a Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to Mary McGuire.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve the Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to Mary McGuire. Commissioner Alunan seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet
NOES: None
RECUSED: McGuire
ABSENT: Leong

Public Comment:

- **Barry Taranto** – Congratulated Mary McGuire on receiving her medallion.
- **Jim Kennedy** – He has no quarrel with persons receiving permits but, has a problem with how the issuance of permits affects ramp taxi medallion holders who almost completed their 5 year commitment.
- **Ruach Graffis** – Congratulated Mary McGuire on her medallion and being a wonderful labor representative.

6. TAXICAB COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUEST TO CALENDAR ITEMS

Commissioner McGuire – Serial robber working the North Beach area and dropping off at the Alemany Farmers Market. Asked the drivers to report all robberies to the police. Would like to invite Felicia Wyatt from SAFE to speak on safety issues at the June 25, 2002 Taxicab Commission meeting.
Commissioner Gillespie – At today's PCC Ramp Taxi Working Group meeting, the Group asked the public to keep diaries of their experiences with ramped taxi. If you wish to participate or get feed back on how well the service is performing contact Mark Soto at 351-7010. Congratulated Mary McGuire and Peter Kleinman on their medallions and with the quality of a well-written essay.

Commissioner Wiener – Read a rule from the Parking Control Officer's handbook with regards to blue zones.
DPT to PCOs Training Bulleting: Persons with disabilities use public transportation throughout the city (i.e. MV Transportation, ramped taxis, non-ramped taxis and vans). On occasion these vehicles may use blue zones to drop off passengers. People who use paratransit services are not limited to wheelchairs. If a PCO observes this process, they should check with the operator or driver as to why they are in the zone. It may be prudent for the PCO to facilitate the loading or unloading of the passenger. Hence, taxis should not receive ticket during the unloading or loading of passengers in the blue zone.
Commissioner Alunan – Requested the blue zone memo be distributed to the police department.
Commissioner Sweet – Request the public to forward all letters and memos, they wish the Commission to read, to Director Little prior to the Commission meeting.

Public Comment:

- **Barry Taranto** – Requested the Muni Inspectors receive a copy of the blue zone memo.
- **Ruach Graffis** – United Taxicab Workers has a memo that is used at DPT hearings. It states that cab drivers can use bus zones and handicap zones when dropping off or picking up people.
- **Peter Witt** – Would like an update on the taxi stand pilot program. What happen to safety camera pilot program? The Commissioner should look into cab sharing. Would like to see on the agenda: dispatch service goals, gate fees, meter increases, SPUR report and the 500 cab decision.
- **Mike Spain** – Request that all items going before the Board of Supervisors or the Board of Permit Appeals be announced at this Commission.

7. STAFF REPORT

Director Little responded to some of the public comments. Sometime in March or April of last year the Commission approved the proposed fee ordinance. The reason the budget has not come before the Commission is because we are still negotiating with the Mayor's Office on the number of positions. Tentatively, there are 5 positions, which include permit clerks and 3 auditors.
Sergeant Simpson – There have been approximately 5-6 robberies taken place the last 3 weeks. There was an incident involving a Luxor cab driver that almost got robbed. Upon arrival of the passenger's destination, the driver noticed the passenger reach in his waistband. The driver exited the vehicle and the passenger ran away from the vehicle. The driver called 911 to summon the police. The police searched the area and found a suspect that was involved in the fare evasion. The suspect is now under investigation. Sergeant Simpson will keep the Commission updated.

Public Comment:

- **Ruach Graffis** – Request the Commission enforce the cab companies to alert drivers when a robbery has occurred.

8. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF COLOR SCHEME CHANGES (continued from 5/14/02)

Mr. Steve Anton testified on behalf of Regents Cab. Mr. Cardenas and Mr. Trinadad testified on behalf of Bay Cab.

Public Comment:

- **?????** – Investigation needs to be done on Bay Cab with regards to workers compensation.
- **Ruach Graffis** – Opposed to the Color Schemes Changes. The Commission needs to verify these drivers have worker compensation.
- **Joseph Fleishman** – All companies should require permit holders have workers compensation. In favor of the color scheme changes.
- **Louis Nmezie, Medallion Holder #9046** – Currently with Regents Cab and is requesting a color scheme change. Reasons for going to Royal Cab are: they have citywide radio service and they accept credit cards. Asked that he be exempt from the Bay Cab issue.
- **Nick Swiss, Owner of Royal Taxi** – Anyone who works for Royal Taxi must be covered under the Color Scheme's worker compensation carrier even if they have their own workers compensation coverage.
- **Johnson Akinbodunse** – In favor of color scheme changes.
- **Steven Tan, Medallion Holder #1153** - Request the Commission approve the color scheme change to Arrow Cab. He has nothing to do with Bay Cab.
- **Berhane Assefa** – All drivers must have workers compensation. Workers compensation must be looked into.

Commissioner Wiener moved to approve the Color Scheme changes. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie

NOES: Alunan, Sweet
ABSENT: Leong

9. POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SERVICE! TAXI CLOSURE AND DISSOLUTION PLAN AND THE COLOR SCHEME PERMIT RETURN TO TAXICAB COMMISSION, INCLUDING COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

Inspector Suslow gave a brief presentation.

Public Comment:

- **Newell Heywood, Service! Taxi Partner** – Opposes the approval of the dissolution plan. Color scheme changes should not be allowed until they can account for their financial obligations. Has requested financial records and has never received any. Waybills and financial records should be investigated.
- **Alex Castro, Medallion Holder #1264** – As a member of the Limited Liability Company Service! Taxi, he agrees with Mr. Heywood. Has also requested financial records and have not received any. He requested an extension on filing his income taxes because Service! Taxi has not provided K-1 schedules. Mr. Castro was never notified of this action.
- **Alex Carter, Service! Taxi Driver** – Opposes the approval of the dissolution plan. Many people will be unemployed.
- **Keith Raskin** – Request the Commission extend the 30-day notice to 60 days to have more time to resolve outstanding issues.
- **Jamie Maddox** – Service! Taxi is only associated with PT Stars, LLC by DBA. The LLC will survive the dissolution of the color scheme. The items in question up will be resolved by the LLC. The LLC will survive as long as need be to wrap up vehicle dispositions, tax returns, etc.

Commissioner Wiener moved to approve Service! Taxi's closure and dissolution plan outlined in the Taxicab Detail's proposal. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Leong

10. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF WHETHER TO AMEND THE TAXIAB COMMISSION'S RULE PERTAINING TO DISABILITY BASE REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATION, WHICH INCORPORATES THE FEDERAL LAW DEFINITION OF DISABILITY BY ADOPTING THE BROADER STATE LAW DEFINITION OF DISABILITY.

Public Comment:

- **Jim Kennedy** – Feels his case falls under the federal law. Complained about the Taxi Detail's request to file another application for a permit. He will pay for a color scheme change but not $450.
- **Brooks Dyer, Permit Holder** – In favor of adopting the state definition of disability. Expressed his concerns about drivers who get their permits then a couple of years later file for disability.
- **Ann McVeigh** – Requested clarification on whether adopting the state law would be a more liberal application or is another way of stating that full time driving is an essential eligibility requirement. She wants all disabled persons to have all the protection the founders of the ADA intended.

Commissioner Wiener moved to use a broader definition of disability. Commissioner Alunan seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: McGuire
ABSENT: Leong

11. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ADDING TAXICAB COMMISSION RULE 7.A.9 AND 7.A.10, REQUIRING FOUR HOURS OF "ON-ROAD DRIVER TRAINING"

Public Comment:

- **Mike Spain** – Does not see the need or the necessityfor on-road training..
- **Barry Taranto** – There are other on-road drivers training classes offered. Companies should provide a new driver on their first days some instruction on how to do radio calls or drive with them and show them what are the best routes to take or review the different laws of different countries.
- **Ruach Graffis** – In favor of the 4 hours of on-road drivers training. Recommended the company thatthe driver will be working at teach these 4 hours.
- **Barry Korengold** – In favor of on-road driver training as well as an English class.

Commissioner McGuire moved to continue item 11 until July 2002. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Leong

12. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (CLOSED SESSION)

Executive Director Little requested a continuance.

Public Comment:

- **Jim Kennedy** – He has been threatening to sue since he got here. On April 23, 2002 he was ready to have his ADA case heard. He has met the full-time requirement of 156 shifts. Filled out ADA application on February 26, 2002.

13. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF WHETHER THE FULL TIME DRIVING REQUIREMENT IS AN ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR PURPOSES OF REVIEWING REQUESTS FOR MODIFICATION UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT AND DETERMINING WHETHER SUCH REQUESTS WOULD FUNDAMENTALLY ALTER THE NATURE OF THE PROGRAM (Continued from April 23, 2002 meeting)

Public Comment:

- **Ann McVeigh** – Proposition K's purpose was to eliminate the transfer of permits and absentee landlords and to create a stable work force. At the time Proposition K was written there wasn't consideration for disability. She would like to see this continued until the Courts have made a decision. The legal interpretation of what Prop K says is under question, i.e. 800 hours v. 156 shifts and full time driving. The Taxi Commission has over reached its discretion into the private operations of a taxicab.
- **Joseph Fleishmann, PDA** – Court of Appeal heard arguments on full-time driving requirement on May 23, 2002. The decision must be rendered in 90 days. The PDA requests a continuance until the decision is issued. No matter what the decision is, the PDA urges the Taxi Commission not to pass this resolution. Eight hundred persons have been issued permits under Prop K, but there are only 50 ADA request.
- **Brooks Dyer** – Request the Commission to continue this item.
- **Anthony Fletcher** – Congratulated Mary McGuire on her permit. Urged the Commission for a continuance on the Full Time Driving Requirements. Request the Commission to change the (Proposed) Resolution on Full Time Driving to read "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution is not intended to restrict the Commission's discretion in determining whether or not to impose a sanction, or what sanction or sanctions my be appropriate to impose on a permitholder for violating the full-time driving requirement".

Commissioner Alunan moved to continue item 13 until the August 13, 2002 meeting. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, Wiener, Sweet
NOES: McGuire, Gillespie
ABSENT: Leong

14. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF WHETHER THE FIVE YEAR COMMITMENT TO THE RAMPED TAXI PROGRAM, THE PHYSICAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF A RAMPED TAXI DRIVER (i.e. SECURING OR PUSHING A WHEELCHAIR), AND USE OF A RAMPED TAXI

VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PURPOSES OF REVIEWING REQUESTS UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND DETERMINING WHETHER SUCH REQUESTS WOULD FUNDAMENTALLY ALTER THE NATURE OF THE PROGRAM. (Continued from the April 23, 2002 meeting)

Commissioner Sweet moved to accept the second alternative proposed resolution with the amendments as follows: "That the five-year waiting period is not an essential eligibility requirement of the ramped taxi program, however, pursuant to the Board of Supervisors amendment to Section 1148.1(b) that a 3-year commitment is an essential eligibility requirement and allowing a ramped taxi medallion holder to be relieved of the 5-year commitment due to disability would not fundamentally alter the nature of the program." Commissioner Weiner seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Leong

15. POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FINDIINGS REGARDING THE SUSPENSION AND PROBATION OF MEDALLION HOLDER PERMIT HELD BY AGRIPINO ALORRO.

Commissioner Wiener moved to approve the findings of Agripino Alorro with the amendment of "Violation of these conditions may subject his permit to revocation. Violation of the full-time driving requirement during the probationary period shall cause the Commission to promptly consider revocation of his permit". Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Leong

16. POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FINDINGS REGARDING THE SUSPENSION AND PROBATION OF MEDALLION HOLDER PERMIT HELD BY CHARLES KLEIMAN.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve the findings of Charles Kleiman. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, McGuire, Gillespie, Sweet
NOES: None
RECUSE: Wiener
ABSENT: Leong

17. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wiener moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m. Commissioner Alunan seconded the motion

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TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

June 11, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of the Minutes for the May 28, 2002 Taxicab Commission Meeting. [ACTION]
5. Approval of the Consent Calendar [ACTION]
6. Taxicab Commission Announcements & Requests to Calendar Items
7. Staff Report
8. Hearing and Possible Suspension or Revocation of the Medallion Holder Permit No. 864 Held by Mohammad Bakir. [ACTION]
9. Hearing and Possible Suspension or Revocation of the Medallion Holder Permit No. 339 Held by Gay Ho Keung Yee. [ACTION]
10. Hearing and Possible Approval of Medallion Holder Permit to Martin Jakob. [ACTION]
11. Hearing and Possible Approval of One Year Extension of Ramped Taxi Vehicles due to come out of Service: [ACTION]

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
a. Emad Shehadeh	9043	Town Cab
b. Sam Dadu.	9056	Yellow Cab
c. Fadel Zaru	9045	DeSoto Cab
d. Daryoush Amirehsani	9026	National Cab
e. Yung Hee Park	9023	DeSoto Cab
f. Lincoln Tran	9015	Regents Cab

12. Adjournment.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Wahid Ali	Mohammad Arif	Delia Atkins	Mohammad Ashtianipour
Myo Aung	Jeffrey Beadle	Christopher Burton	Raphael Millington
Saw Heir	Kiley Hixson	Jim Kong	Yong Li
Aleksandr Livshits	Pedro Loos	Sameh Moustafa	Rodrigo Nacimento
Johnny Nguyen	Simon Nwankwor	Pavel Preyomyshev	Uttam Rai
Harvey Roybal	Carlos Sousa	Hafedh Taam	Roman Tityunuik
Eduard Vayner	Ruslan Yagudin		

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Mr. Pablo Gravador's request to withdraw his prior Color Scheme Change from Big Dog City to Luxor Cab. (Original request had been approved on 05/28/02).

C. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of a Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit s to:

	Medallion Holder	Cab #	Color Scheme
1.	Michael Almeida	344	Yellow Cab Co.
2.	Michael Hesse	477	Yellow Cab Co.
3.	Ray Stanley	476	Yellow Cab Co.
4.	Stephen Webb	804	Arrow Cab Co.
5.	Douglas Wong	180	DeSoto Cab Co.
6.	Moustafa Zakaria	473	Town Taxi

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:
James Kennedy

RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:
None

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change
Bijan Afshari	*1007*	*Luxor Cab to Yellow Cab*
Alex Castro	*1264*	*Service Cab to Desoto Cab*
Joseph Fleischman	*872*	*Service Cab to Big Dog City*
Stephen Golshan	*923*	*Service Cab to World Wide Cab*
William Jones	*862*	*North Beach Cab to World Wide Cab*
Kenneth Nguyen	*880*	*United Cab to Bay Cab*
Lonnie Pasquini	*1300*	*Service Cab to World Wide Cab*
Emad Shehadeh	*9043*	*Town Taxi to Luxor Cab*
Frances Wilson	*802*	*Regents Cab World Cab*
Patrick Wong	*1246*	*Luxor Cab to Yellow Cab*

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Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Sweet; Gillespie; Alunan; Leong; McGuire; Wiener

ABSENT: Breslin

PRESIDENT SWEET CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:34 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little, Executive Director - Taxicab Commission; Captain Thomas O'Neill, Sergeant Vince Simpson, Officer John Nevin – Taxicab Detail

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **Ruach Graffis:** Town Taxi driver was fired because vehicle did not comply with vehicle codes. Years ago the police department suggested to have twice a year vehicle inspections. There should be a whistle blowers protection program.
- **Bruce Oka:** Ramped taxi drivers are not picking up disabled.
- **Charles Rathbone:** Concerns about the camera rules. Safety cameras are not effective in improving safety.
- **Mark Gruberg:** There is a limousine situation at the Omni Hotel, corner of California and Montgomery Streets. Doorman indicated to him they did not have a taxi stand.
- **Barry Taranto:** Received an award from DPT Commission. Requested the Commission's help in working with hotels and restaurants. Disciplinary hearings should not be held at the Taxi Detail's front counter. There are no procedures other than the officer sending the driver to taxi school.
- **Mike Spain:** Believes only a 10% fee increase is allowed under MPC 1085.
- **Abdul Razak, Town Taxi Driver:** He was fired from Town Taxi after he informed them the spare car he was driving was shaking on the freeway and unsafe.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MAY 28, 2002 TAXICAB COMMISSION MEETING**

Commissioner Wiener moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Breslin
NOES: None

5. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. & B. a) RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXI DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF THE DRIVER PUBLIC VEHCILE PERMITS b) RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF MR. PABLO GRAVADOR'S REQUEST TO WITHDRAW HIS PRIOR COLOR SCHEME CHANGE FROM BIG DOG CITY TO LUXOR CAB. (Original request approved 5/28/02)

Commissioner Weiner moved the Taxi Detail approve the driver public vehicle permits and color scheme change withdrawal. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Breslin
NOES: None

C.6. RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF A TAXICAB MEDDALLION HOLDER PERMIT TO MOUSTAFA ZAKARIA

Commissioner Wiener moved to approve the medallion holder permit. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Breslin
NOES: None

C.1-2 RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF A TAXICAB MEDALLION HOLDER PERMIT TO MICHAEL ALMEDIA AND MICHAEL HESSE

Commissioner Leong moved to approve the issuance of medallion holder permits. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Leong, McGuire, Gillespie, Sweet **RECUSED:** Wiener
NOES: None **ABSENT:** Breslin

C.3 RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF A TAXICAB MEDALLION HOLDER PERMIT TO RAY STANLEY

Ray Stanley spoke on his own behalf.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve the medallion holder permit. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Leong, McGuire, Gillespie, Sweet **RECUSED:** Wiener
NOES: None **ABSENT:** Breslin

C.4 RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF A TAXICAB MEDALLION HOLDER PERMIT TO STEPHEN WEBB

Stephen Webb spoke on his own behalf.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve the medallion holder permit. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Breslin
NOES: None

C.5 RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF A TAXICAB MEDALLION HOLDER PERMIT TO DOUGLAS WONG

Douglas Wong spoke on his own behalf.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve the medallion holder permit. Commissioner Weiner seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Leong, McGuire Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Breslin
NOES: None

6. TAXICAB COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUEST TO CALENDAR ITEMS

- **Commission McGuire**: Requested that the Taxicab Commission enforce its rule that require companies to provide receipts to anyone who request one. The companies should provide duplicate copies. Requested the Taxicab Commission adjourn the meeting in memory of Francisco Solorio.
- **Commissioner Gillespie**: Congratulated new medallion holders. Commented on Mike Spain's comments on fee increase. Would like announced when the Taxi Commission goes before the Board of Supervisors.
- **Commissioner Wiener**: Would like to promote taxicabs. For example, Commissioners making public service announcements.
- **Commissioner Leong**: Requested that passenger bill of rights be printed in other languages.
- **Commissioner Sweet**: Request the Taxi Commission investigate the Omni Hotel and it's taxi stands. There is a bias going on between the limousines and hotels.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
- **Ruach Graffis:** The original Omni Hotel plans only included 2 spaces for taxicabs. The hotel expanded the taxi stand to 6 vehicles but the Omni Hotel still will not let taxicabs stop there.

7. STAFF REPORT

Director Little presented the Taxicab Commission budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
- **Joseph Fleishman**: Why are the 5 new staff members needed? No justification. We cannot afford this in bad times.
- **Mike Spain**: Not making cuts at SF Police Department. Likes the SFPD handling waybills.

10. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MEDALLION HOLDER PERMIT TO MARTIN JAKOB

PUBLIC COMMENT:
- **Johnson Akinbudonse**: Why is the Taxicab Commission questioning the SFPD investigation?
- **Barry Taranto**: Does not believe waybills are accurate.

Sergeant Simpson presented the case on behalf of the Taxicab Detail. Martin Jakob spoke on his own behalf.

Commissioner Wiener moved to approve the medallion holder permit to Martin Jakob. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Leong, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Breslin
NOES: McGuire

11. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF RAMPED TAXI VEHICLES DUE TO COME OUT OF SERVICE

PUBLIC COMMENT:
- **Laurie Graham**: Acknowledged Mr. Tran, Mr. Zaru and Mr. Park did attend the sensitivity training class..
- **Bruce Oka:** Mr. Tran only attended class because he was ordered by the Taxi Detail. He believes Mr. Tran does not understand what is required of a ramped taxi driver.
- **Tara Houseman**: Color schemes and not individuals can lease Muni procured ramped taxi vehicles. The Commission should look into changing the rules to allow individuals to lease the vehicles.

- **Mark Soto**: Muni has 24 vehicles (21 vehicles have been leased and the other 3 vehicles are being negotiated.

Commissioner Alunan moved to continue for further investigation. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Breslin
NOES: None

8. HEARING AND POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE MEDALLION HOLDER PERMIT #864 HELD BY MOHAMMAD BAKIR

Sergeant Simpson presented the case on behalf of the Taxicab Detail. Philip Ward represented Mohammad Bakir. Mohammad Bakir spoke on his own behalf.

Commissioner McGuire moved to revoke Mohammad Bakir's medallion holder permit. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Leong, McGuire, Sweet **RECUSED:** Wiener
NOES: Gillespie **ABSENT:** Breslin

8a. Commissioner Alunan moved to accept the findings on Mohammad Bakir. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Leong, McGuire, Sweet **RECUSED:** Wiener
NOES: Gillespie **ABSENT:** Breslin

9. HEARING AND POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE MEDALLION HOLDER PERMIT #339 HELD BY GAY HO KEUNG YEE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Barry Taranto:** 1) All drivers must turn in complete trip tickets – Mr. Yee's waybills were blank 2) Mr. Yee does not drive his own cab 3) Mr.Yee drove 14-15 hour shifts. This is extremely long hours.
- **Tara Houseman:** Questioned Mr. Yee's actions – is this fraud or just incomplete waybills and bad bookkeeping? Should we revoke a medallion for bad bookkeeping?
- **Mark Soto:** Paratransit broker and Muni has a zero tolerance for irregular transactions. Drivers transporting relatives should complete waybills, keep records accurately and document appropriately.

Officer John Nevin presented the case on behalf of the Taxicab Detail. Gay Ho Keung Yee spoke on his own behalf.

Motion #1 - Commissioner Gillespie moved to suspend Mr. Yee's medallion holder permit for 2 months; he must attend taxicab school and 1 year probation with waybills turned into the Taxi Detail on a monthly basis. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion. The motion failed 3-2. A quorum is needed to suspend a permit.

AYES: Leong, Gillespie, Sweet **RECUSED:** Wiener
NOES: Alunan, McGuire **ABSENT:** Breslin

Motion #2 – Commissioner Alunan moved that Mr. Yee be on probation for 1 year, submitting his waybills to the Taxi Detail per their discretion; ask the Paratransit Broker to monitor the script turned in by Mr. Yee; and attend Flag-A-Cab school, Taxi Detail's Drivers Training and the Ramp Taxi Sensitivity Training class all to be completed within 6 months. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Leong, McGuire, Gillespie, Sweet **RECUSED:** Wiener
NOES: None **ABSENT:** Breslin

Commissioner Alunan moved to accept the findings. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Leong, McGuire, Gillespie, Sweet **RECUSED:** Wiener
NOES: None **ABSENT:** Breslin

12. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner McGuire moved to adjourn in memory of Francisco Solorio at 10:00 p.m.

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TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

June 25, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of the Minutes for the June 11, 2002 Taxicab Commission Meeting. [ACTION]
5. Approval of the Consent Calendar [ACTION]
6. Taxicab Commission Announcements & Requests to Calendar Items
7. Hearing and Discussion with Marc Soto, Paratransit Coordinator, Regarding Improving the Minimum Wheelchair-Pick-up Rule/Police and the Enforcement of this Policy and other Pertinent Issues Involving the Paratransit Program.
8. Hearing and Discussion on the Implementation of the Ordinance Amending MPC Section 1148.1 to Reduce the Ramped Taxi Programs Five Year Commitment to Three Years.
9. Hearing and Discussion on the Implementation of the Ordinance Amending MPC Section 1135 Allowing Taxicab Drivers to Collect a $2.00 Pass Through Fee from Passengers When a Trip Fee is Incurred at the Airport.[POSSIBLE ACTION]
10. Hearing and Possible Approval of One Year Extension of Ramped Taxi Vehicles due to come out of Service: [ACTION]

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
a. Emad Shehadeh	9043	Town Cab
b. Sam Dadu	9056	Yellow Cab
c. Fadel Zaru	9045	DeSoto Cab
d. Daryoush Amirehsani	9026	National Cab
e. Yung Hee Park	9023	DeSoto Cab
f. Lincoln Tran	9015	Regents Cab

11. Adjournment.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Laxman Adhikari	Amin Ahmed	Richard Anderson	Khin Aung
Rabii Bakhouya	Mark Braley	Geraldo Brandao	Alcides Castro
Jonas Chaves	Damien Cole	Shiferaw Frew	Goitom Gebrealfa
Abdul Ghafoor	Clovis Gomes	Marcelo Goncalves	Bill Hakim
James Hin	Neil Intarakamtornchai	Joao Junior	Yury Kozinsky
Rajiv Kumar	Victor Lozovsky	Steven Malcolm Jr.	Michael Moss
Celson Nascimento	Mohamed Noureldin	Mikhail Osipov	Rajdeep Pannu
Julio Pardo	Nirmal Rai	Satnam Singh	Jose Soares
Igor Soltys	Antonio Souza	Mauricio Souza	Khun Ung
Mehdi Zineelabidine			

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to:

	Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change	Effective Date
1.	Bijan Afshari	1007	Luxor Cab to Yellow Cab	06/26/2002
2.	Alex Castro	1264	Service Cab to Desoto Cab	06/26/2002
3.	Joseph Fleischman	872	Service Cab to Big Dog City	06/26/2002
4.	Stephen Goldstein	923	Service Cab to World Wide Cab	06/26/2002
5.	William Jones	862	North Beach Cab to World Wide Cab	06/26/2002
6.	Kenneth Nguyen	880	United Cab to Bay Cab	06/26/2002
7.	Lonnie Pasquini	1300	Service Cab to World Wide Cab	06/26/2002
8.	Emad Shehadeh	9043	Town Taxi to Luxor Cab	06/26/2002
9.	Frances Wilson	802	Regents Cab World Wide Cab	06/26/2002
10.	Patrick Wong	1246	Luxor Cab to Yellow Cab	06/26/2002

C. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Medallion Holder permits to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
James Kennedy	475	American Cab Co.

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:
Berhane Assefa, Aklilu Zewde

RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER
None

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

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MINUTES

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Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Sweet; Gillespie; Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Wiener

ABSENT: Alunan

PRESIDENT SWEET CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:40 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little, Executive Director - Taxicab Commission; Captain Thomas O'Neill, Sergeant Vince Simpson, Inspector Farrell Suslow – Taxicab Detail

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **Barry Taranto:** Request the Commission's help in resolving the issue of the Police Department babysitting cab drivers, who are waiting for late arriving flights, at the airport. Requested Commissioner Breslin's help in getting the hotels to stop taking kickbacks from the limousine companies. Business is still slow. The minutes from the June 11 commission meeting did not show a deadline date as to when Mr. Yee must finish classes.
- **Ruach Graffis:** The Red Stone Party has been postponed. Any problems with the Clift Hotel, Marriott Hotel or any others call United Taxi Workers at 864-8294. Working with the hotels to correct the problems.
- **Peter Witt:** Sent a letter to the PUC. Congratulated Mr. Kennedy on receiving his medallion. Concerned with rising cost of inflation. After 4 yrs, police department still doing clerical duties for the Taxi Commission.
- **Keith Raskin, Worldwide Cab:** Introduced himself as the new Color Scheme Permit Holder.

President Sweet motion for a ten-minute recess. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 11, 2002 TAXICAB COMMISSION MEETING**

Commissioner Wiener moved the minutes be approved with the correction of Mr. Yee completing all drivers training

classes within a 6-month period. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan
NOES: None

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

A. RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXI DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF THE DRIVER PUBLIC VEHCILE PERMITS

Commissioner Wiener moved the approval. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan
NOES: None

B.1. RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF BIJAN AFSHARI'S COLOR SCHEME CHANGE

Commissioner Leong moved the approval. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan
NOES: None **RECUSED:** Wiener

B.2-9 RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

Commissioner Wiener moved to approve the changes. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan
NOES: None

B.10 RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF PATRIC WONG'S COLOR SCHEME CHANGE

Commissioner Leong moved to approve the change. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan
NOES: None **RECUSED:** Wiener

C. RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF TAXICAB MEDALLION HOLDER PERMIT TO JAMES KENNEDY

Mr. Kennedy spoke on his own behalf.

Commissioner Breslin moved the approval. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan
NOES: None

6. TAXICAB COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUEST TO CALENDAR ITEMS

- **Commissioner Wiener:** Announced there will be a hearing on 3 of the 4 taxi stands on Friday, July 5 at City Hall room 416 at 10 am.
- **Commissioner McGuire:** Thanked the Cannery. Announced the July 16 Laborfest will beat the New College at 7 pm. Requested all taxi drivers honor the picket line at the Courtyard Fisherman's Wharf.
- **Commissioner Leong:** Requested the Director look into the status of outstanding corporate medallions.
- **Commissioner Breslin:** Supports taxicabs, would like to work with Commissioner Wiener on public service announcements. Met with Hotel Council. Requested the Taxi Commission Office be the receivement center for any complaints and/or issues with the hotels. July 15th will be the deadline for filing.

- **Commissioner Gillespie:** Inquired about the outcome of the Budget Committee. Supports the Executive Director and the fee ordinance proposal.
- **Executive Director Little:** The Budget Committee held hearings on the fee ordinance. The Board of Supervisors requested the Taxi Commission meet with all factions of the taxi industry to come up with an alternate plan by Thursday.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
- **Peter Witt:** Thanked Commissioner Breslin. Requested Director Little to distribute the 34 page PUC letter his submitted. Requested the Taxi Commissioners select another means to fund the Taxi Commission other than from the drivers. Requested better enforcement of limousines and a list of taxi stands. Central dispatch or better dispatch needs to be addressed. Would like to see cab pooling at peak times and conventions times. Requested a discussion on meter increases.
- **Tara Housman:** The issue with hotels is steering away from taxis and curb space not illegal limousines. Illegal limousines are a problem throughout the City. Customers who want a taxi are encouraged by doormen to take other means of transportation that kickback to the doormen or concierges. Hotels are giving taxis disfavored curb space or just telling them to leave giving limousines favored space. The hotel and hospitality industry was the first at every Public Convience & Necessity hearing to request more taxis when we had our gold rush and Silicon Valley's boom. There was a need for more taxis but too many taxis were added. The hotel and hospitality industry put us in a bind and they can do their best not to screw us over.

7. HEARING AND DISCUSSION WITH MARC SOTO, PARATRANSIT COORDINATOR, REGARDING IMPROVING THE MINIMUM WHEELCHAIR-PICK-UP RULE/POLICE AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS POLICY AND OTHER PERTINENT ISSUES INVOLVING THE PARATRANSIT PROGRAM

SPEAKERS: Marc Soto, Bruce Oka, and Jean Lynch

PUBLIC COMMENT:
- **Peter Witt:** Acknowledged Jean Lynch on her survey.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Suggested ramped taxis drivers should be required to report ramped taxi trips.
- **Majamal Qhurshed, Ramped Taxi Driver:** He picks up wheelchair calls. There are not enough calls. He currently marks on the waybill if he takes a ramp call.
- **Barry Taranto:** Supports Taxi Details enforcement of ramped taxi rules.

8. HEARING AND DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORDINANCE AMENDING MPC SECTION 1148.1 TO REDUCE THE RAMPED TAXI PROGRAMS FIVE YEAR COMMITMENT TO THREE YEARS

PUBLIC COMMENT:
- **Barry Taranto:** If at the end of the six month notice. There is not an available medallion, the ramped taxi medallion holder should not be allowed to stay in the ramped taxi program until one is available.

9. HEARING AND DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORDINANCE AMENDING MPC SECTION 1135 ALLOWING TAXICAB DRIVERS TO COLLECT A $2.00 PASS THROUGH FEE FROM THE PASSENGERS WHEN A TRIP FEE IS INCURRED AT THE AIRPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT:
- **Barry Taranto:** Thanked Director Little for preparing the report. Endorses the rate card in taxis. Suggest trying the drivers on an honor system on the $2.00 fee.
- **Tara Housman:** Believes the drivers should be able to charge $2.00 each time they take a short. Let the driver know if they take a short trip they are not entitled to charge the surcharge. The exit surcharge should stand out on the rate card.
- **Ruach Graffis:** Gave suggestions on how to handle shorts at the airport.

Commissioner Wiener moved to have Director initiate a rate card for all taxicabs. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan
NOES: None

10. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF RAMPED TAXI VEHICLES DUE TO COME OUT OF SERVICE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Daryoushi Amirehasni, Medallion Holder:** After receiving medallion in May 1999 had to purchase a vehicle for $43,000 because no company would accept his medallion. Requested a one year extension to pay for expenses on van.

10.A,C,D & F Emad Shehadeh #9043, Fadel Zaru #9045, Daryoush Amirehsani #9026 and Lincoln Tran #9015

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve the extension. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin, Leong, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan
NOES: McGuire

10.B Sam Dadu #9056

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve the extension. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin, Leong, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan
NOES: McGuire **RECUSED:** Wiener

10.E. Yung Hee Park #9023

Commissioner Wiener move to continue until July 9. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wiener moved to adjourn at 10.00 p.m. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

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7. Staff Report
8. Hearing and Possible Approval of One Year Extension of Ramped Taxi Vehicle Due to Come out of Service for Yung Hee Park, Desoto Cab #9023. *Continued from 6/11/2002 and 6/25/2002* [ACTION]
9. Discussion and Possible Approval of Taxicab Wrap Color Scheme Changes to be effective August 1 through August 31, 2002. Applicant is Desoto Cab Medallion Nos. 110, 202, 237, 311, 353, 357, 365, 384, 385, 389, 399, 438, 472, 506, 847, 851, 917, 925, and 981. The Wrap Color Scheme is "T. Mobile". [ACTION]
10. Hearing and Discussion on the Board of Supervisors Proposed Ordinances on San Francisco business Tax Reform Requiring Color Scheme Permit Holders to Pay Gross Receipts Tax. [POSSIBLE ACTION]
11. Hearing and Discussion on the Board of Superviors Proposed Ordinance Amending Sec. 1135.1 of the Police Code to increase the Mean Gate Fee Cap for Taxis to $90 per Shift, and to Provide that Sec. 1135.1 Expire Two Years After the Effective Date of the Amendment. [POSSIBLE ACTION]
12. Hearing and Discussion on Whether to Have Citywatch Televise All 24 Taxi Commission Meetings or Only 12 Taxi Commission Meetings. [ACTION]
13. Adjourment

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:
David Fine

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2.	*American Cab Co. Inc.*	*81, 82, 83*	*Regents Cab to Bay Cab*	*07/24/2002*
3.	*Alireza Behpour*	*1016*	*Luxor Cab To Bay Cab*	*07/24/2002*
4.	*Charles Kleiman*	*772*	*Regents Cab to World Wide*	*07/24/2002*
5.	*Veera Chatikul*	*1047*	*Luxor Cab to American Taxi*	*07/24/2002*
6.	*Fortuna Transportation, Inc.*	*72, 73, 74, 78, 79*	*Regents Cab to Bay Cab*	*07/24/2002*
7.	*John Johnston*	*155*	*Metro Cab to National Cab*	*07/24/2002*
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ABSENT: Alunan; Leong

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STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little, Executive Director - Taxicab Commission; Captain Thomas O'Neill, Sergeant Vince Simpson, Inspector Farrell Suslow – Taxicab Detail

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **Ruach Graffis:** Airport Commission's request to increase taxicab exit fees to $4 was continued.
- **Laurie Graham:** Requested Taxicab Commission to authorize a sticker to be adhered to the identification card of ramped taxi drivers who have completed the sensitivity training.
- **Angela Beloy, Laidlaw Transit School Bus Driver:** Addressed the rule with regards to drivers leaving their vehicles at their business or at an alternate location approved by the Taxi Detail. Luxor Cab is has approximately 70 vehicles parked on city streets for more than 4 hours.
- **Dee Ann Hendrix:** Requested the Taxicab Commission move up the action items on the agenda for the safety of seniors and the disabled. So they wouldn't be out late at night. All Taxicab Commission meetings should be televised.
- **Barry Taranto:** No good days for cab drivers over the July 4th week. Employees at hotels are steering customers to limousines and shuttles instead of allowing the customers their choice. Noted mistakes on the consent calendar. Commented on Mr. Assefa's waybills.
- **Jim Gillespie:** Complimented the Taxi Detail on limousine enforcement.
- **Johnson Akinbodunse:** Concerned with the $2 pass thru fee at the airport. Airport Commission to increase taxi fees.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 25, 2002 TAXICAB COMMISSION MEETING**

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan; Leong

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Jack Trab:** Change permit number on item 5.A.3 from #1095 to #1004.

A. RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF TAXICAB COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

Commissioner Wiener moved to approve the color scheme changes. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan; Leong
NOES: None

B.2 RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF TAXICAB MEDALLION HOLDER PERMIT TO AKLILU ZEWDE.

Commissioner Gillespie moved the approval. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan, Leong
NOES: None **RECUSED:** Wiener

B.1 RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF TAXICAB MEDALLION HOLDER PERMIT TO BERHANE ASSEFA

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Johnson Akinbudunse:** In favor of granting medallion to Berhane Assefa. He has met the minimum requirements.

Berhane Asseffa answered questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Breslin moved to approve the medallion holder permit to Berhane Assefa. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan; Leong
NOES: None **RECUSED:** Wiener

6. TAXICAB COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUEST TO CALENDAR ITEMS

- **Commissioner Breslin:** 1) Extended the deadline to getting information on hotel issues to the Taxicab Commission to August 1, 2002. 2) In favor of decals for ramped certified drivers. Requested to calendar the item.
- **Commissioner McGuire:** 1) Would like to discuss decals for ramped certified drivers on the September 10, 2002 meeting. 2) Workers at the Marriott Courtyard are on strike. Drivers should honor the picket line. 3) Asked Commissioner Breslin to help get the Fisherman's Wharf cab stand extended at Pier 39.
- **Commissioner Wiener:** Supports requesting a hearing on a sensitivity training sticker on A-cards for ramped taxi drivers.
- **President Sweet:** Asked staff to follow-up on Laidlaw letter. Supports request for hearing regarding a sticker for A-cards.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **John Lazar:** In response to the Laidlaw representative, Laidlaw, Sugar Bowl and Matagrano's as well as Luxor and other businesses park their vehicles on Jerrold Street. Taxi Commission rules allow cabs parking on the streets for up to 4 hours at a time. Cabs have been vandalized on Jerrold Street.

7. STAFF REPORT

1) Director Little gave an update on the budget. 2) At the July 5 DPT Public Hearing, taxi zones at 24th and Church Street, Haight and Masonic Street and Fillmore and Haight Streets were approved. DPT will install the taxi zones once DPT's Executive Director signs the directive. 3)Working with the American Red Cross to establish free CPR training for all taxicab drivers. Tentative date for training is set for October 26, 2002 at the Moscone Convention Center.

8. **HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF RAMPED TAXI VEHICLE DUE TO COME OUT OF SERVICE FOR YUNG HEE PARK, DESOTO CAB #9023.** ***CONTINUED FROM 6/11/2002 AND 6/25/2002***

Speaker: Yung Hee Park

Commissioner Wiener move to approve the extension. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan; Leong
NOES: None

9. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TAXICAB WRAP COLOR SCHEME CHANGES TO BE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2002. APPLICANT IS DESOTO CAB MEDALLION NOS. 110, 202, 237, 311, 353, 357, 365, 384, 385, 389, 399, 438, 472, 506, 847, 851, 917, 925, AND 981. THE WRAP COLOR SCHEME IS "T. MOBILE".**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Jim Gillespie:** In support of wraps. Color to be used in both New York and San Francisco. Though the color is similar to Diamond Cab, not trying to disguise themselves as someone else. Other promotions have used similar colors without problems. The wrap would only be 30 days. Having more taxis with the same color might be an asset rather than a detriment. This is an opportunity to make extra money. $100 goes to the taxi drivers' industry fund.
- **Barry Taranto:** Procedures need to be followed on wrap taxis. Showed picture of Oracle World wraps peeling off Yellow Cabs.
- **Jack Trab:** Opposes taxi wraps.
- **Joe Diamond, Moving Media:** Believes color should not be a factor.

Commissioner Wiener moved to approve with Inspector Suslow's recommendations 1) top sign have DeSoto's logo 2) 19 wrapped taxis 3) comply with all requirements on signage. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.
Motion fails 3-2

AYES: Breslin, Wiener, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan; Leong
NOES: McGuire, Gillespie

Amendment to 15 cabs. Motion fails 3-2

AYES: Breslin, Wiener, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan; Leong
NOES: McGuire, Gillespie

Commissioner Gillespie moved to continue until the call of the Chair. Motion fails 3-2.

AYES: Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan; Leong
NOES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener

Commissioner Breslin moved for a continuance for 2 weeks. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-1

AYES: Breslin, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan; Leong
NOES: McGuire

10. **HEARING AND DISCUSSION ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROPOSED ORDINANCES ON SAN FRANCISCO BUSINESS TAX REFORM REQUIRING COLOR SCHEME PERMIT HOLDERS TO PAY GROSS RECEIPTS TAX.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Jim Gillespie, Manager of DeSoto Cab:** Opposes the ordinance. Bad timing; taxi companies are doing fair share to contribute to the City by paying permit fees.
- **Hal Mellaguard, President of Yellow Cab:** Yellow Cab's payroll tax is $30,000 a year. If this legislation passes, Yellow Cab's gross receipt tax will be $90,000 per year.
- **Jack Trab, Color Scheme Permit Holder SF Taxi:** Opposes suggestion to pay gross receipt tax. This is a formula for bankruptcy. Drivers are spending money right and left.

11. **HEARING AND DISCUSSION ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING SEC. 1135.1 OF THE POLICE CODE TO INCREASE THE MEAN GATE FEE CAP FOR TAXIS TO $90 PER SHIFT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT SEC. 1135.1 EXPIRE TWO YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDMENT**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Michael Spain:** The Taxicab Commission should have made this recommendation many months ago. The Taxicab Commission should take a proactive part to bring this to the Board of Supervisors. It's been three years since a gate increase. Gate fees should be at $96 according to the inflation rate. In favor of an increase.

- **Jim Gillespie:** Three and one-half years ago the gates were lowered from $90 to $83.50. The Board of Supervisors should also look at a meter increase. In favor of a gate and meter increase. Would like a resolution from the Taxicab Commission.
- **Mark Gruberg:** This ordinance is kicking a guy when he is down. Gate raises were double the rate of inflation years ago before the gate was regulated.
- **Ruach Graffis:** The last time there was a negotiated contract, Veterans gate fees were $19. United Taxicab Workers wanted a lease cap. Should be asking for a lease cap not a meter increase. Last year, 238 restaurants went belly up because locals couldn't afford to go. Pricey restaurants reduced prices. A meter increase would loose riders.
- **Johnson Akinbodunse:** Supports a gate and meter increase.
- **Henry Kim, Executive Director of SF Taxi Association:** Represents 1,000 medallion holders. In favor of gate increase. The cab companies are faced with new costs: gross receipts tax, security cameras, etc.

Commissioner Wiener moved to continue for 2 weeks. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan, Leong
NOES: None

12. HEARING AND DISCUSSION ON WHETHER TO HAVE CITYWATCH TELEVISE ALL 24 TAXI COMMISSION MEETINGS OR ONLY 12 TAXI COMMISSION MEETINGS.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Michael Spain:** In favor of televising all 24 meetings. Wants the public to see how the Taxi Commissioners treat medallion holders by asking questions that trap them.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Opposes disciplinary hearings be televised. Sensitivity to people who may or may not have done something wrong. Displaying the disciplinary hearings out on the airways is additional punishment. Save a few bucks by not televising all 24 meetings.
- **Barry Taranto:** Disciplinary hearings should be done without television. Privacy issues.
- **John Lazar:** The Taxicab Commission should save some money by not televising and spend it on the taxi industry. Requested meetings moved up to a reasonable time.
- **Ruach Graffis:** Disciplinary hearings should not be on television. There may be modern technology where people can e-mail in public comments.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to continue the item. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan, Leong
NOES: None

13. ADJOURMENT at 9:02 p.m.

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REGULAR MEETING

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comment

4. Approval of the Minutes for the July 9, 2002 Taxicab Commission's Meeting. [ACTION]

5. CLOSED SESSION ON EXISTING LITIGATION
   - A. Public Comment
   - B. Vote on Whether to Hold Closed Session to Confer with Legal Counsel pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d). [ACTION]
   - C. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Ligation - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 [ACTION]
     - a. Name of Case: San Francisco Taxi Permitholders and Drivers Association v. City and County of San Francisco; Court of Appeal of the State of California, First Appellate District, Division One; Case No. A095858 (San Francisco County Super. Ct. No. 316993); Filed August 23, 2001.
   - D. Reconvene in Open Session. Vote on Whether to Disclose any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a). [ACTION]

6. Approval of the Consent Calendar [ACTION]

7. Taxicab Commission Announcements & Requests to Calendar Items

8. Staff Report

9. Discussion and Possible Approval of Taxicab Wrap Color Scheme Changes to be effective July 26 - August 26, 2002. Applicant is DeSoto Cab Medallion Nos. 110, 202, 237, 311, 331, 353, 357, 365, 384, 385, 389, 399, 438, 472, 506, 847, 851, 917, 925, and 981. The Wrap Color Scheme is T. Mobile. (Continued from 7/9/02) [ACTION]

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Taxicab Commission Agenda
Regular Meeting
July 23, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.
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10. Hearing and Discussion on the Board of Supervisor Proposed Ordinance Amending Sec. 1135.1 of the Police Code to Increase the Mean Gate Fee for Taxis to $90 per Shift, and to Provide that Sec. 1135.1 Expire Two Years After the Effective Date of the Amendment. (Continued from 7/9/02) [POSSIBLE ACTION]

11. Hearing and Discussion on Whether to Have Citywatch Televise All 24 Taxi Commission Meetings or Only 12 Taxi Commission Meetings. (Continued from 7/9/02) [ACTION]

12. Adjournment

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Abdul W.A.Z. Abdullah	Tareq M. Alabsi	Abdulrahman A. Alhadai	Nassradin A. Alghethy
Abdelamir M. Aliakbar	Ruben E. Alvarado	Scott J. Baty	George F. Campelovieira
Valdivino P. Cassiano	Marilton G. Dasilva	Issa F. Dughman	John R. Eastwold
Marcio S. Espagna	Law C. Fu	Omar M. Gamil	Jason B. Gentry
Valery Grabovetsky	Issa M. Hamada	Ahmed Hassani	Theodore M. Jones, Jr.
Sham Kumar	Maungnyi H. Kyaw	Nar B. Lama	David P. Lograsso
Yury Malykin	Sajid Mannon	Geovani Matias	Abdelaziz Mtaoua
Rebhi N. Najjar	Gregory M. Nicol	Reese M. Ramirez	Mahmood Sakhnini
Asif G. Shaikh	Davinderjit Singh	Cassio A. Souza	Wei Tan
Kesavan Thulasi	Aung K. Tun	Azuoma L. Udom	Chukwunweike E. Udom
Oscar H. Vargas	Kyrie D. Wimer	Derek Wright	Benya Yagudaev
Pei Y. Zhang			

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to:

	Medallion Holder	Cab #	Color Scheme	Effective Date
1.	American Cab Co. Inc.	81, 82, 83	Regents Cab to Bay Cab	07/24/2002
2.	Alireza Behpour	1016	Luxor Cab To Bay Cab	07/24/2002
3.	Charles Kleiman	772	Regents Cab to World Wide	07/24/2002
4.	Veera Chatikul	1047	Luxor Cab to American Taxi	07/24/2002
5.	Fortuna Transportation, Inc.	72, 73, 74, 78, 79	Regents Cab to Bay Cab	07/24/2002
6.	John Johnston	155	Metro Cab to National Cab	07/24/2002
7.	Winston Wong	798	Regents Cab to Bay Cab	07/24/2002

C. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
David Fine	629	Yellow Cab Co.

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:	RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER	NEW COLOR SCHEME
Leslie Chiang	*None*	*Albert Nimri for USA Cab*

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

	Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change	Effective Date
1.	*Albert Nimri*	*469*	*CityWide Cab to USA Cab*	*09/01/02*
2.	*Rajender Sanwal*	*1179*	*Regents Cab to BW Checker*	*08/14/02*

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Commission Chambers – Room 400
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
July 23, 2002
6:30 PM

Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Sweet; Gillespie; Alunan; Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Wiener

ABSENT: None

PRESIDENT SWEET CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:40 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little, Executive Director - Taxicab Commission; Lt. Bruce Lorin, Inspector Farrell Suslow – Taxicab Detail

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **Donald Box:** Upset about out-of-town taxicabs picking up passengers in SF.
- **Peter Witt:** Handed out survey on SF Taxi industry customer services. Many frustrated customers. Need peak time medallions. Survey based on Bay Area tourist, US tourist and International tourist. Comments for "no more cabs" are interesting.
- **David Perlin, Yellow Cab Medallion Holder:** Driving for 14 years. Kickbacks and bribes are paid to doormen for airport fares. At the Cantebury Hotel, doorman asked for $8 for a fare to the airport. Monday at the Grand Hyatt, a doorman asked for bribe. At the Hyatt Regency, he witnessed a cab pay off the doorman. Ritz Carlton and the Mark Hopkins are exceptions to the rule. Requested the Taxi Commission take action.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 25, 2002 TAXICAB COMMISSION MEETING**

Commissioner Wiener moved the minutes be approved. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion. Motion passes 6-0

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **RECUSED:** Leong
NOES: None

5. CLOSED SESSION ON EXISTING LITIGATION

5A. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Joseph Fleishman, PDA:** They are pleased with the outcome of the ruling. The Commission's 1998 interpretation of full-time driving requirement drove us to the courts. Concerned about persons with disabilities and the Taxicab Commission's compassion. Appellant Court states that there is room in Proposition K for interpretation of full-time driving requirement.
- **Fred Brandt, Yellow Cab driver:** The driving requirement has changed over the years (i.e. 800 hours, 181 shifts and 156 shifts). He supports 800 hours as full-time driving. Hardly anybody works a 4-hour shift.

5B. VOTE ON WHETHER TO HOLD CLOSED SESSION TO CONFER WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Commissioner Gillespie moved to hold closed session. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **NOES:** None

5C. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION. VOTE ON WHETHER TO DISCLOSE ANY OR ALL DISCUSSIONS HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Wiener moved not to disclose discussions held in closed session. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **NOES:** None

6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **John Lazar, Luxor Cab:** Medallions #1047 & #1016 leaving Luxor Cab. Medallion #1016, Ali Behpour has not driven a cab since August 2000, he is a financial loss to Luxor Cab. Luxor bought him a new car. He has been injured and is off on workman's compensation. Medallion #1047, Veera Chatikul Luxor reduced gates on all cabs after 911. Luxor put a fee on each medallion holder of $100 per month for $600. He contested the $100 fee so therefore he is leaving Luxor cab.

6A. & B. A) RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF DRIVER PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMITS. B) RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF TAXICAB COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

Commissioner Gillespie moved the approval. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **NOES:** None

6C. RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF TAXICAD MEDALLION HOLDER PERMIT #629 TO DAVID FINE

Commissioner Gillespie moved the approval. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion. Motion passes 6-0

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Gillespie, Sweet **RECUSED:** Wiener
NOES: None

7. TAXICAB COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUEST TO CALENDAR ITEMS

- **Commissioner Gillespie:** Congratulated David Fine on receiving a medallion.
- **Commissioner Leong:** Requested the Taxi Commission look into a taxi stand at Stonestown Galleria.
- **Commissioner McGuire:** 1) Request a review of Commission guidelines for color scheme changes. Action requested to add a requirement that Proof of Workman's Compensation insurance is presented to Taxicab Commission before making a color scheme change. 2) Requested cab companies put temporary rate card in all cabs. When will rate cards be in place? 3) What is the status of the 8 medallions from Georgette Welch?
- **Commissioner Alunan:** Requested to calendar possible discussion on adoption of a meter increase.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Peter Witt:** Thanked Commissioner Alunan for addressing a meter increase. Has not heard of a meter increase hearing coming up soon. Received a letter from PUC in response to his 34-page letter he sent them. Requested more law enforcement and stronger enforcement on limousine drivers. Limousine drivers are ex-taxi drivers as well as SFO dispatcher. They chose to hustle tourist at tourist spots because they make more money. Supports more taxi stands. Requested a bulletin board at the taxi companies, in glass, with announcements from the Taxicab Commission meetings. Dispatch has not been fully addressed by the Commission.

8. STAFF REPORT

Director Little: Met with the Permitholder and Drivers Association and Supervisor Aaron Peskin who facilitated the meeting. At that meeting, it was agreed that the A-card renewal fees would be increased by $5 and the permit fee renewal fees would be $475. 2) In addition to helping the Taxi Commission finalize its budget, Supervisor Aaron Peskin decided to eliminate the language in the Gross Receipts tax reform ballot measure that would require color scheme permit holders to pay a gross receipts tax. 3) Announced the August 27, 2002 Taxicab Commission Meeting will be canceled.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TAXICAB WRAP COLOR SCHEME CHANGES TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 26-AUGUST 26, 2002. APPLICANT IS DESOTO CAB MEDALLION NOS. 110, 202, 237, 311, 331, 353, 357, 384, 385, 389, 399, 438, 472, 506, 847, 851, 917, 925, AND 981. THE WRAP COLOR SCHEME IS T. MOBILE.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Joe Diamond, Moving Media:** TV commercials already broadcasting National ad campaign.
- **Catalina Wong, Operations Manager Diamond Cab:** Opposes wrap taxis using the color pink. Does not believe taxis should use other colors to disguise original color scheme. Paid the City a fee for the privilege of using the color pink on taxis.
- **Jim Gillespie:** Taxi wraps were previously approved for other promotions. Not trying to look like another color scheme. DeSoto's name will be on all taxis.
- **Jack Trad:** Against taxi wraps. Small companies are not getting offers to wrap taxis. Cab drivers not seeing any of the money. Taxi wraps cause confusion as to the color of cabs.
- **Peter Witt:** Drivers should get a bigger cut. Money should go to driver's pensions. Very important for cabs to be easily identified with signage in or on taxis.
- **Joseph Fleishman:** Supports taxi wraps.
- **Johnson Akinbudunse:** Supports taxi wraps. No one cares what color the cab is they just want a ride.
- **John Lazar:** Suggested putting color scheme name and cab number inside of the wrapped vehicles, just like Luxor did when its taxis were wrapped.

Commissioner Wiener moved to approve taxicab wraps. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-2.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, Leong, Wiener, Sweet **NOES:** McGuire, Gillespie

10. HEARING AND DISCUSSION ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING SEC.1135.1 OF THE POLICE CODE TO INCREASE THE MEAN GATE FEE FOR TAXIS TO $90 PER SHIFT, AND TO PROVIDE HAT SEC. 1135.1 EXPIRE TWO YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Ruach Graffis:** Reading on behalf of Quant. Against gate increase. Can barely meet current gate fees. Cannot afford to sit through whole Commission hearing. Drivers incur other cost like parking fees. **Ruach:** Business is bad. 228 restaurants have gone out of business in the last year. Buildings not being built, no money. Dow Jones keeps falling. Medallion fees, by contrast, have stayed fairly high although the driver's income has not. We need a medallion cap. Cab drivers have gone to City Hall requesting gate control, reduction, and several Supervisors showed interest. Others have gone to City Hall requesting a gate increase and a meter raise to the public to pay for the gate increase.
- **Johnson Akinbudunse:** Supports gate increase, but resolution to Board of Supervisors should include meter increase.
- **Joseph Fleishman:** Need gates and meters raised. No gate raise since 1998. Gate fees, meter fees and rate of inflation should be linked together.

- **Carlos Curasko:** Stock market in newspaper says economy is plunging. Even the President doesn't know when the economy will improve. If you raise the meters, people will not take taxicabs. Raising gates is not the answer.
- **Jim Gillespie:** Supports gate increase. Economy started getting bad 1 ½ years ago. DeSoto started cutting back expenses back then. DeSoto is using everything possible to make ends meet.
- **Mark Gruberg:** There was a convention at the Moscone Center with 50,000 people attending. Three drivers from Luxor reported only making $50, $60 (permit holder), and $70 during the day shift. Drivers are making an average of $6 per hour that's not even making minimum wage. Opposes gate increase. Cab companies have expenses. The biggest expense is the amount they pay to permit holders for the lease of the permit. It's bigger than insurance and vehicle maintenance combined. In past years, companies that are cooperatives, 50% of the company revenues were distributed to permit holders.
- **Peter Witt:** After adding 500 cabs, companies are making more money and drivers are making less. His gate fees average $97.75. Companies are supposed to turn in annual financial reports. Why aren't they?
- **George England, Luxor Driver:** Should promote cab service. Phase out lease fees. Recently he made a net of $35 after 8 hours work.
- **Dave Barlow, UTW member:** Does the Taxi Commission know the price schedule? How is the price burden broken down? What does the passenger pay and the driver pay? Are rates at the correct level? What revenue accredits the company? Does the Taxi Commission have a clear picture of companies fixed and variable costs for what is fair and reasonable profit for the cab companies? Guess the Taxi Commission will once again improvise and play it by ear.
- **Henry Kim, Executive Director, SF Taxi Association:** Supports gate increase. Cab companies have had increase in costs; 50% increase in liability insurance and 15% consumer price index. Since 1998, drivers have had 2-meter increases. Companies are small businesses, co-ops trying to make money in a heavily regulated industry. The financial strength and well being of a company directly affects each driver. Cab companies cannot survive if operating cost exceeds revenue. Action must be taken now.
- **Ed Burke:** Proposition K provided an incentive for drivers to stay in the business. Permit holders have paid their dues. More should be done to promote business.
- **John Lazar:** Luxor Cab is loosing money. The company has 800 drivers. Luxor receives 4,000 computer calls per day. Luxor has color scheme holders who have purchased their own cars and insurance and work 5-6 days a week. This is America, a free enterprise land. A driver hit 4 parked cars and walked away from the cab, who handles that burden of responsibility and liability? Outside cost have risen so high. Outside vendor cost not being regulated and we are. There are drivers making $50 a day but overall a driver will average $150 per day.
- **Dave Berlin:** Opposes gate fee increase but wouldn't be affected either way.

Commissioner Wiener moved to recommend the proposed ordinance. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion. Motion fails 4-3

AYES: Breslin, Leong, Wiener **NOES:** Alunan, McGuire, Gillespie, Sweet

11. HEARING AND DISCUSSION ON WHETHER TO HAVE CITYWATCH TELEVISE ALL 24 TAXI COMMISSION MEETINGS OR ONLY 12 TAXI COMMISSION MEETINGS (continued from 7/9/02)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Peter Witt:** In favor of televising all 24 meetings. Public has a right to know. The public mandated the Taxi Commission to operate police free and after 4 years it still is not.
- **George England:** Keep meetings open and televise for all 24 meetings. The public needs to know and enjoys watching important issues regarding the taxi industry. Disciplinary hearings should also be televised.
- **Mark Gruberg:** In favor of televising all 24 meetings. Is there a way to not televise the disciplinary actions of the Taxicab Commission meeting?

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve all 24 meetings is televised. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **NOES:** None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wiener moved to adjourn at 10:30 p.m. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

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TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

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August 13, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comment

4. Approval of the Minutes for the July 23, 2002 Taxicab Commission Meeting. [ACTION]

5. CLOSED SESSION ON EXISTING LITIGATION
   A. Public Comment on all matters pertaining to the closed session.
   B. Vote on Whether to Hold Closed Session to Confer with Legal Counsel pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d). [ACTION]
   C. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 [ACTION]
      a. Name of Case: Estate of Georgette Welch, Philip H. Welch, individually and as Co-Trustee of the Estate of Georgette Welch; Terri Turner, Co-Trustee of the Estate of Georgette Welch, and Amy Welch Chapman v. Board of Appeals of the City and County of San Francisco, Taxicab Commission of the City and County of San Francisco, City and County of San Francisco; San Francisco Superior Court; Case No. 410904; Filed July 31, 2002.
   D. Reconvene in Open Session. Vote on Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a). [ACTION]

6. Approval of the Consent Calendar [ACTION]

7. Taxicab Commission Announcements & Requests to Calendar Items

8. Staff Report

9. Hearing and Approval of Taxicab Commission Rule Requiring All San Francisco Taxi Drivers to Complete Certified CPR Training During Each Calendar Year. Drivers Must Present Certificate of Completion During Renewals of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle Permits. [ACTION]

10. Hearing and Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution of Taxicab Commission's Recommendation or Non-Recommendation of the Board of Supervisor Adoption of Ordinance Amending Sections 1135 and 1135.1 of the Police Code to Increase the Mean Gate Fee Cap for Taxis to $90 Per Shift, Increase the Meter Rate, and Request the Controllers Office Every Two Years to Review and Set the Cap to Reflect Changes in the Relevant Consumer Price Index. [POSSIBLE ACTION]

11. Hearing and Possible Revocation of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle Permit Held by Timothy Taylor. [ACTION]

12. Adjournment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Leulseged Afework	Anthony Banjo	Alexandra Batista	Janchiv Chinzorig
Dana Dinning	Philip Ferrucci	Yemane Getahun	Arthur Goldman
Lakhwinder Grewal	Lidia Gronsky	Abdul Haq	Nicholas Mafredas
Andre Mansourian	Roberto Mascilongo	Susan Mercur	Lorenzo Molina
Alex Oliveira	Kostyantyn Plaksin	Hassan Riaz	Smail Rih
Alexandre Santos	Jaswant Singh	Wayne Stevenson	Richard Sykes
Arkady Test	Evan Yu	Jian Zheng	Josue De Araujo
Brandon Bossenbroek	Antonio Bota	Dennis Boyd	Christopher Callaway
Jorge Carvalho	Mohammed Chahed	Kam Chan	Nyamdavaa Chantuu
Amron Chisti	Willie Deluca	Marden Isecke	William Kim
Carlos Leal	Jay Marden	Michael Marzke	Paulo Mendes
Sayed Mosbah	Ali Neesaneh	Sikander Rajput	Fawaz Rob
Ashok Sharma	Moses Sousa	Celdison Silva	Bang Zheng

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to:

	Medallion Holder	Cab #	Color Scheme	Effective Date
1.	Albert Nimri	469	CityWide Cab to USA Cab	09/01/02
2.	Rajender Sanwal	1179	Regents Cab to BW Checker	08/14/02

C. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Leslie Chiang	630	Regents

4. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Permit to Albert Nimri for USA Cab.

NOTICE

This is not an agenda item for this meeting, but serves as a public notice.

The following individuals have filed and completed applications for Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits, Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits or Color Scheme Changes which will be reviewed and considered on the September 10, 2002 hearing: (copies of the applications are available for review at the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail, 850 Bryant Street, Room 458, each Business day from 9am to 4pm)

TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:	RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER	NEW COLOR SCHEME
Legesse Seifu	*James Mangan*	*None*

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

	Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change	Effective Date
1.	Wing Yiu Kam	1215	Royal Taxi to Bay Cab	09/11/02
2.	Bob Hai Lee	989	Regents Cab to Arrow Cab	09/11/02
3.	Glenn A. Mack	782	City Wide Taxi to Big Dog City	09/11/02
4.	Marguerite McGee	762	City Wide Taxi to Big Dog City	09/11/02
5.	Pharoh McGee	161	City Wide Taxi to Big Dog City	09/11/02

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Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Sweet; Gillespie; Alunan; Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Wiener

ABSENT: None

PRESIDENT SWEET CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:35 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little, Executive Director - Taxicab Commission; Captain Thomas O'Neill, Sergeant Vince Simpson, Inspector Farrell Suslow – Taxicab Detail

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **Robert Cesarin:** The $2 pass through fee should be indicated on the meter and not posted on a rate card. This is confusing to the public. The rate card says there is no airport surcharge.
- **Kim Singh, Director of Asian American Public Policy Institute:** AAPPI is helping raise money to get cameras and shields for taxicabs. Working with the Taxi Commission on safety of cab drivers. Taxi drivers would like shields and cameras in the cabs.
- **Charles Rathbone:** He feels safer driving a vehicle with a shield. Requested the camera rule be amended to include shields or cameras.
- **Peter Witt:** Reviewed survey chart handouts. Petitioned against Yellow Cab Dispatch System by Yellow Cab drivers stating dispatch system was deeply flawed. Have been making reports on limousines for the past 4 years and nothing has been done.
- **Ruach Graffis:** Work place violence. If Sukhpal had had a shield in his cab, he would be able to tell us what happened. Allegedly, the bullet entered from the rear of the cab.
- **Fred Brant:** Day airport drivers are having problems with the $2 pass thru fee posting. The police are kicking out drivers who don't have a current rate card posted.
- **Ron Wolter, Arrow Driver:** The permit renewal process needs to be changed. Permit renewals were issued to the deceased. No 1095 form was signed by Georgette Welch, but her permits were renewed anyway.

- **George England, Luxor Driver:** Observed a parking control officer issue a ticket to an unattended taxi at UCSF Moffitt Hospital. The driver was delivering blood to the blood bank. Requested the Taxi Commission write a letter to the DPT asking for leniency so drivers can do their job.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE JULY 23, 2002 TAXICAB COMMISSION MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Peter Witt:** The previous minutes did not adequately reflect the purpose of the survey. Look into peak time cab pooling. To bring passengers together, to lower the price to the customers and increase the fare to the driver. Clarified the two different groups the survey was based on (tourist and locals).

Commissioner Wiener moved the minutes be approved with the correct of spelling of Fred Brandt's name. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **NOES:** None

5. CLOSED SESSION ON EXISTING LITIGATION (Estate of Georgette Welch, Philip H. Welch, individually and as Co-Trustee of the Estate of Georgette Welch; Terri Turner, Co-Trustee of the Estate of Georgette Welch, and Amy Welch Chapman v. Board of Appeals of the City and County of San Francisco, Taxicab Commission of the City and County of San Francisco, City and County of San Francisco)

5A. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Ron Wolter:** Five weeks after Georgette Welch's death the City issued permits. Yellow Cab should not be using these permits. The permits should not be operating.
- **Yale Feder:** Agrees with Ron Wolter. Medallions should go to the people who are driving. In favor of cameras and shields.
- **Mark Gruberg:** There was no 1095 form completed. Temporary medallions were issued after the time of death. Georgette Welch died in May yet there was no notification of death until July. The City needs to adopt a position that the family of the Permit Holder not string out the proceedings and continue to collect revenue of over $16,000 a month.
- **Peter Witt:** Agrees with the last 2 speakers. When a permit holder dies the medallion should not be operated by someone who doesn't deserve it.
- **Robert Cesarin:** Does not agree with Peter Witt. All dead medallion holder permits should be held until a Public Convenience and Necessity hearing. Asked the Taxi Commission not reissue these medallions at all. There are too many cabs on the road. Must find a way to cut cabs. He has many suggestions on how to cut 100 cabs a day without hurting anyone.
- **Ruach Graffis:** Martin Kazinski asked why was the medallion renewed when there was no 1095 form on file. The money generated from the medallions should be held in escrow until the court case is over. Then the money should be awarded to the person who should have gotten the medallion.
- **Jean-Michel Normand:** Permit process needs to be revised.

5B. VOTE ON WHETHER TO HOLD CLOSED SESSION ON CONFER WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 67.10(d)

Commissioner Gillespie moved to hold closed session. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion. Motion passes 6-0

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Gillespie, Sweet **RECUSED:** Wiener
NOES: None

5D. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION. VOTE ON WHETHER TO DISCLOSE ANY OR ALL DISCUSSIONS HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Gillespie moved not to disclose any information from closed session. Commissioner Alunan seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, McGuire, Gillespie, Sweet **RECUSED:** Leong, Wiener
NOES: None

6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. & B. A) RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF DRIVER PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMITS. B) RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF TAXICAB COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

Commissioner Wiener moved the approval. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **NOES:** None

6C. RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF TAXICAB MEDALLION HOLDER PERMIT #630 TO LESLIE CHIANG

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Benny Hu:** Testified he saw Leslie Chiang drive.
- **Zaw Myiut Oo:** Friend of Leslie Chiang. Has seen her drive in the mornings.
- **Yahya Salih:** Has seen Ms. Leslie drive the airport a few times.

Leslie Chiang spoke on her own behalf.

Commissioner Wiener moved the approval. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **NOES:** None

6D. RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF TAXICAB COLOR SCHEME PERMIT TO ALBERT NIMRI FOR USA CAB

Commissioner Wiener move to approve the new Color Scheme Permit. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGurie, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **NOES:** None

7. TAXICAB COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUEST TO CALENDAR ITEMS

- **Commissioner Wiener:** Requested to adjourn meeting in honor of Sukhpal Singh.
- **Commissioner Leong:** 1) Welcomed Paula Jesson. 2) Requested update on security cameras. 3) Suggested the Taxi Association (i.e. cab companies) post a memo requesting all drivers not to tip hotel doormen.
- **Commissioner McGuire:** The Marriott Courtyard in Fisherman's Wharf has been on strike for 75 days. Request drivers to honor the picket line.
- **Commissioner Breslin:** Announced the death of Robert Barns this past weekend. He changed the face of politics in this City and Nationwide. He touched many people in all walks of life.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Peter Witt:** The Taxi Commission needs to calendar 1) Progress report on taxi stands. 2) Post on the bulletin board time and dates of the Commission Hearings. 3) Limousine enforcement. 4) Dispatch

8. STAFF REPORT

Director Little: 1) Mayor Brown indicated his intentions to sign the reward to help with the investigation on the murder of Sukpal Singh. 2) The August 27, 2002 commission meeting has been cancelled. 3) The next Taxi Commission meeting has been changed from September 10, 2002 to Thursday, September 12, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Inspector Suslow: 1) City Wide Taxi will cease to exist on September 1, 2002. For those City Wide taxis that are on the consent calendar for color scheme changes on September 10, 2002 meeting, temporary permits will be issued contingent upon the approval on the September 12, 2002 Taxi Commission meeting. Notice has been given to that affect. 2) The Taxi Commission has recommended 2 security companies to provide security cameras. The Taxi Detail along with Miss Little will draft specifications for any other companies wanting to be recommended. Reminded taxi companies cameras must be installed by January 2003.

9. **HEARING AND APPROVAL OF TAXICAB COMMISSION RULE REQUIRING ALL SAN FRANCISCO TAXI DRIVERS TO COMPLETE CERTIFIED CPR TRAINING DURING EACH CALENDAR YEAR. DRIVERS MUST PRESENT CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETEION DURING RENEWALS OF DRIVER PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMITS**

Amy Gaber from the Red Cross gave a presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Barry Taranto:** Good idea but first year should be voluntary. Muni and Bart employees are not required to be certified in CPR. If the City requires drivers be CPR certified then the City should treat the drivers like City employees with benefits. Certification should not be yearly.
- **Joseph Fleishman, Permitholders & Drivers Association:** Naomi presented CPR training to the PDA. The PDA supports CPR training but should be free. Drivers should not loose money to attend the training. Training times should be set at all hours of the day so that all drivers can attend.
- **Thomas George-Williams, DeSoto Driver**: Was a Paramedic in Germany. In Germany, CPR is mandatory for all drivers who operate a motor vehicle. They are required to take a 16 hour first aid class. Drivers should not loose money. Time is money.
- **Jane Bolig:** Concerned with liability. If the City is mandating CPR will the City underwrite any liability? Is there a link between the driver and the company?
- **Ruach Graffis:** Naomi presented CPR training to the UTW. Is CPR considered an essential part of the job? If not, then make it voluntary.
- **Fred Brant:** Opposes CPR training. Bad idea to tie it to the A-Card. Should be voluntary. In an emergency, drivers will be doing their job (driving). There are plenty of people (paramedics and firefighters) who know how to administer CPR.
- **Robert Cesarin**: Opposed. For religious reasons, will you take away a medallion if someone doesn't pass? Make the training voluntary. There should be an opinion from the City Attorney's Office stating drivers are not liable.
- **George England:** CPR training is a good idea but make it voluntary. Everyone should know CPR. If you make CPR training a requirement for drivers, then all City employees should be the first to be trained.
- **Cliff Lundberg:** Opposed. Has been driving since 1968 and has never had to use CPR.
- **Peter Witt:** Thanked the Red Cross for the free training and the Mayor for offering Moscone Center. Does the restaurants pay for their employees to take CPR training? Opposes the mandatory CPR training.
- **Johnson Akinbodunse:** CPR is a good idea but should not be mandatory.
- **Jean-Michel Normand:** In favor of CPR voluntary training. It might help change the image of a taxi driver.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to continue to the call of the Chair. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion. President Sweet continued the item until September 12, 2002. Motion passes 7-0

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **NOES:** None

10. **HEARING AND DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION OF TAXICAB COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION OR NON-RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1135 AND 1135.1 OF THE POLICE CODE TO INCREASE THE MEAN GATE FEE CAP FOR TAXIS TO $90 PER SHIFT, INCREASE THE METER RATE, AND REQUEST THE CONTROLLERS OFFICE EVERY TWO YEARS TO REVIEW AND SET THE CAP TO REFLECT CHANGES IN THE RELEVANT CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Johnson Akinbodunse:** Thinks the Taxi Commission should support this legislation.
- **Jane Bolig:** Read a letter from Jim Gillespie in support of both gate fee and meter rate increase. Review every 2 years by the City's Controller to adjust both to reflect the consumer price index. Cab companies and medallion holders have absorbed monumental & historic increases in insurance costs. Vendors have also passed on their increases. Drivers are making less than they were a year ago. The proposed gate increase will give the cab companies and medallion holders the needed capital to get control of their obligations. The proposed meter increase will provide an additional $20-$25 per shift to each driver and will not pose a significant threat to business. This is long overdue.
- **Mark Gruberg:** Against gate increase. If he were a gate and gas driver he would lose 40% in earnings. In a declaration, Philip Welsh states that the 8 permits earn in excess of $16,000 per month. That's 40% of gates drivers pay on those cabs. It is a profit of 40% to the companies and a loss of 40% of driver's incomes. Companies should reduce the largest reducible cost. Setting the gate cap every 2 years is unfair. To get a meter increase it would be at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.
- **Joseph Fleishman, PDA:** In favor of increase. The gate and meter increase should both be tied together with the consumer price index. How can an organization that proclaims to represent the drivers be against a system that allows a driver to share in the profits of the industry?
- **Henry Kim:** Encourages the Taxi Commission to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to support the gate and meter increase. Original ordinance was revised to meet concerns from the last Taxi Commission Meeting. The gate fee increase was coupled with a meter increase the 2-year sunset clause was removed from original ordinance. The revised plan uses the Controller's recommendation for the adjustment in the meter increase. Revenues the drivers make would offset any loss. Dropped the Sunset clause eliminating gate control in 2 years. Replaced the Sunset clause with the review by the Controller's Office to review and adjust every 2 years the cap in terms of the gate fees.
- **Cliff Lunberg:** Has been driving since 1968. Has seen many fare increases and started making more money immediately. There was no period of adjustment. Rate increases are happy occasions for drivers. In favor of increases. Recommends adjusting the rates so the fares would always be in $ .25 increments.
- **Robert Cesarin:** Congratulated both sides for working together. Suggested the gate and meter fees be reviewed simultaneously. Put the airport fee on the meter. Would like to see airport surcharge dropped. With Bart going in the airport why would anyone want to pay an extra surcharge on top of the cab fare?
- **Jean-Michel Normand:** Against the recommendation of increases. Consider reducing the gate cap and reducing the fees to the permit holder. Have a modest meter increase.
- **George England:** Against increases. Business is down. The drivers are the only ones suffering during these bad economic times. Lower the cap on medallion fees and most of the revenue problems will go away.
- **Ruach Graffis:** Against increases. Are companies providing financial reports annually? How do we know if the companies need to raise gates if financial reports are not reported? Keeping the meter and gates together is good. This new proposal means everything will go up automatically every 2 years. We don't need this.

Commissioner Wiener motion to support the recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion with the amendment to have meter rates and gate fees reviewed every two years. Motion passes 4-3

AYES: Breslin, Leong, Wiener, Sweet **NOES:** Alunan, McGuire, Gillespie

11. HEARING AND POSSIBLE REVOCATION OF DRIVER PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMIT HELD BY TIMOTHY TAYLOR

Mr. Taylor request to continue this item until his case is resolved in superior court.

Commissioner Leong moved to uphold the summary suspension and continue the hearing until the call of the chair. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **NOES:** None

12. ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF SUKHPAL SINGH

Commissioner Wiener moved to adjourn in memory of Sukhpal Siingh at 10:45 p.m. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

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REGULAR MEETING

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September 12, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of the Minutes for the August 13, 2002 Taxicab Commission Meeting. [ACTION]
5. Approval of the Consent Calendar [ACTION]
6. Taxicab Commission Announcements & Requests to Calendar Item
7. Hearing & Possible Action on the Implementation of MPC 1135 Allowing Taxicab Drivers to Collect $2.00 Pass Through Fee from Passengers When a Trip Fee is Incurred at the Airport. [POSSIBLE ACTION] (Heard on June 25, 2002)
8. Possible Approval of One Year Extension of Ramp Taxi Vehicle Held by Permit Holder Golam Syed, Permit No. 9044, Due to Come Out of Service in September 2002. [ACTION]
9. Hearing and Possible Suspension or Revocation of Permit Holder No. 1170 Held by Aloysious Hall. [ACTION]
10. Hearing and Approval of Taxicab Commission Rule Requiring All San Francisco Taxi Drivers to complete Certified CPR Training During Each Calendar Year. Drivers Must Present Certificate of Completion During Renewals of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle Permits. [ACTION] (Continued from 8/13/02)
11. Adjournment.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits to:

Anouar Ali Abdelkaoui	Rufat Aliyen	Mahmoud Almukdad	Abdul H. Alinorwi
Jose Edson Barreto	Michael Billings	Sergei Bokov	Marco A.P. Candiotto
Samuel Castro	Josef Cesenek	Kho Pow Chiang	Fouad Chirar
Randy Paul Cooper	Huy Quoc Doan	Vikram Dutta	Jose G.F. Filho
Charles Fung	Mikhail Gurvits	Walid Ibrahim Hassan	Deosia Octavio Henderson
Karen Jean Horning	Melina Colleen Jones	Felix Kjravetskiy	Aziz Lardjane
Gabriel Mackillop	Mikhail Medvedev	Susan Menendez	Robert T. Merchant
Naing Aung Moe	Yin Naing Oo	Henry Lee Poydras	Benito Quezada
Roman Rushinsky	Mario Scancarello	Maung Kyi Shein	Dennis Soe
Hardeep Singh Sraa	Joel Vasa	Leonid Veynberg	Rickey Wong
Mohammed Al-Ali	Oday A. Albakri	Albert C. Arca	Leonard R. Brandriet
Marco T. Candiotto	Loren A. Coleman	Blanca E. Corona	Hocine Badache
John W. Biggs	Faafetai Casey	Yuri Duvensky	Vadim B. Galustyan
Sandro C. Gomes	Reynaldo Hernandez	Mazhar A. Khan	Gene Korsunsky
Daniel Kuschner	Hy C. Lam	George A. Lama	Giovanni A. Magat
Sayed Muhammad	Adelso A. Moreno	Azizuddin Nemati	Aline B. Rocha
Jamel B. Saafi	Marjot S. Sandhu	Weliton P. Santana	Igor Savin
Carl G. Schilbe III	Martin Scott	Libah J. Sheppard	Harpreet Singh
Shingara Singh	Stephen W. Smith	Rafael Soultanov	Christopher Sweis
Bogdan Viner	Ahmed Wasim	Imad Youssfi	

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to:

	Medallion Holder	Cab #	Color Scheme	Effective Date
1.	Wing Yiu Kam	1215	Royal Taxi to Bay Cab	09/13/02
2.	Bob Hai Lee	989	Regents Cab to Arrow Cab	09/13/02
3.	Glenn A. Mack	782	CityWide Taxi to Big Dog City	09/13/02
4.	Marguerite McGee	762	CityWide Taxi to Big Dog City	09/13/02
5.	Pharoh McGee	161	CityWide Taxi to Big Dog City	09/13/02

C. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of a Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
Legesse Seifu	799	Yellow Cab

D. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of a Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
James Mangan	9008	Yellow Cab Co.

E Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Permit Transfer of the "City-Wide" color scheme from Michael Kelly to James O'Conner.

F. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail to revoke the following Driver Public Passenger Vehicle permits for failure to pay the required annual License Fee in accordance with Municipal Police Code Section 2.17.
(Complete List available at the Taxicab Detail Office and at the Hearing)

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:	RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER	NEW COLOR SCHEME
Jacques Gruber	*None*	*None*
Timothy Lapp		
Gary Pang		

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

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6.	*Martin Mar*	*1130*	*Desoto Cab to Bay Cab*	*09/25/2002*
7.	*Franklin Nunley*	*757*	*CityWide to SF Taxi*	*09/25/2002*
8.	*Fred Seronick*	*6, 7, & 8*	*Town Taxi to National Cab*	*09/25/2002*
9.	*Sonny Tam*	*318*	*Big Dog to Bay Cab*	*09/25/2002*
10.	*Mahammad Mann*	*1219*	*Yellow Cab to Crown Cab*	*09/25/2002**
11.	*Judeh B. Jedeh*	*913*	*Royal Cab to Bay Cab*	*09/25/2002**
12.	*Perse Trinidad*	*1098*	*SF Taxicab to Bay Cab*	*09/25/2002**
13.	*Morris Benveniste*	*924*	*Yellow Cab to Desoto Cab*	*09/25/2002**
14.	*Mikhail Oykherman*	*1250*	*SF Taxicab to Bay Cab*	*09/25/2002**
15.	*Leonard Ribeiro*	*740*	*CityWide to Royal Cab*	*09/25/2002**
16.	*Austin James*	*825*	*Arrow Cab to Bay Cab*	*09/25/2002**
17.	*Richard Fogel*	*164*	*CityWide to Yellow Cab*	*09/25/2002**
18.	*Aisuke Ishikawa*	*912*	*CityWide to Royal Cab*	*09/25/2002**
19.	*Roland Mathias*	*932*	*CityWide to Big Dog City*	*09/25/2002**
20.	*Alfred Hall*	*773*	*CityWide to Big Dog City*	*09/25/2002**
21.	*Art Josue*	*29, 30, 31, & 32*	*CityWide to Big Dog City*	*09/25/2002**

* Due to certain changes within the Taxicab Industry and scheduling of Commission Hearings, temporary approval was given to these individuals to make Color Scheme Changes in advance of the Hearings. These changes are approved as of September 1, 2002 with formal approval to occur at the September 24, 2002 Commission Hearing

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MINUTES

Commission Chambers – Room 263
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
September 12, 2002
9:00 am
Regular Meeting

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PRESENT: Sweet; Gillespie; Breslin; McGuire; Wiener

ABSENT: Alunan, Leong

PRESIDENT SWEET CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:13 AM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little, Executive Director - Taxicab Commission; Lieutenant Bruce Lorin, Sergeant Vince Simpson, Inspector Farrell Suslow – Taxicab Detail

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **Charles Rathbone:** There was an error on last years meter rate. The meters have been programmed to the nearest possible intervals. Instead of advancing to $2.90 at 1/6 of a mile, the first tick occurs at 1/5 of a mile, the same interval used for additional distance. If there are two intervals of distance, there must also be two intervals of time.
- **Steven Reimers:** There should be a seniority clause in Prop. K regarding the issuance of medallions. There are drivers with 20 years of service verse drivers with only 156 shifts getting medallions. Long term drivers are still waiting to get medallions.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 13, 2002 TAXICAB COMMISSION MEETING**

Commissioner Wiener moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan, Leong
NOES: None

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

5A.B & E. A) RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF DRIVER PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMITS.
B) RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF TAXICAB COLOR SCHEME CHANGES.
E) RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL FOR APPROVAL OF TAXICAB COLOR SCHEME PERMIT TRANSFER OF THE "CITYWIDE" COLOR SCHEME FROM MICHAEL KELLY TO JAMES O'CONNOR

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve Consent Calendar 5A,B & E. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan, Leong
NOES: None

5 C & D. RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL TO APPROVAL OF TAXICAB MEDALLION HOLDER PERMIT #799 TO LEGESSE SEIFU AND #9008 JAMES MANGAN.

Commissioner Gillespie moved the approval of permit #799 and #9008. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan, Leong
NOES: None

5F. RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE TAXICAB DETAIL TO REVOKE THE FOLLOWING DRIVER PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMITS FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE REQUIRED ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MUNICIPAL POLICE CODE SECTION 2.17.

Commissioner Breslin moved to approve conditional revocation pending an appropriate investigation. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan, Leong
NOES: None

6. TAXICAB COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUEST TO CALENDAR ITEMS

Commissioner Weiner: Asked the Executive Director for the status on Taxi Stands.
Commissioner McGuire: 1) Asked that the Taxi Commissioners adjourn in memory of Jim Kingsley who passed away on Sunday.
2) Would like to calendar an Item on Dispatch Survey. Would like to compare this year with last year.
Commissioner Gillespie: Dispatch Survey-Asked to compare first 6 months of the survey. Congratulations to Mr. Seifu & Mr. Mangan for receiving their medallions.

7. HEARING & POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MPC 1135 ALLOWING TAXICAB DRIVERS TO COLLECT $2.00 PASS THROUGH FEE FROM PASSENGERS WHEN A TRIP FEE IS INCURRED AT THE AIRPORT.

Kathy Widener, S. F. Airport Representative spoke on behalf of the San Francisco Airport and answered questions from the Commissioners regarding $2.00 pass through fee and the agreement between Airport Director John Martin and the taxi drivers.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Keith Raskin, Worldwide Cab:** He only received a 2-day notice from the Airport regarding $2.00 fee increase. There should have been a minimum of a 30 days notice before any action had taken place.
- **Ron Wolter, Arrow Cab:** Not enough notice was given by the airport – excessive fees by airport. In favor of putting increase on meter.
- **Mark Gruberg:** The airport went ahead and imposed the fee increase without notification. The drivers are not happy about $2.00 increase coming out of tips. San Francisco Airport fee is the highest.

- **Ruach Graffis:** There was no notice of the fee increase on short trips. Negotiations were in good faith. John Martin (SFO) did not think about airport increase until the Taxi Commissioners approved the $2.00 pass through. John Martin's meeting was not legal under the Sunshine Ordinance. However, what happened at the airport was not fair.
- **Barry Korengold:** Asked the Commissioners what they did not like about the $2.00 pass through decision. How can drivers abuse the fare? The extra cost is listed on the meter. Some of the Commissioners should have come to the negotiation.
- **Charles Rathbone:** When drivers were feeling betrayed and abandoned by City Hall, Commissioner McGuire offered her support. Agrees with the airport $2.00 pass through fee.
- **Kulwant Singh Khaira:** He was one of the drivers who signed the agreement with John Martin. Their intention were not to harass anyone. About 95% of the drivers were united. Drivers should be a part of the decisions making. Thanked Commissioner McGuire for meeting with the drivers. There should be a penalty if there is abuse of the $2.00 extra button on the meter.
- **Barry Taranto:** All nationalities participated in this action. He agrees that the pass through fee should be on the meter to avoid fights among cab drivers and for passenger awareness.
- **Steve Reimers:** The best way for the airport to collect the fee is too add a couple of cents to every airline ticket that is purchased.

Commissioner Breslin moved to continue item until September 24, 2002. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan, Leong
NOES: None

8. **POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF RAMP TAXI VEHICLE HELD BY PERMIT HOLDER GOLAM SYED, PERMIT NO. 9044, DUE TO COME OUT OF SERVICE IN SEPTEMBER 2002.**

Golam Syed spoke on behalf of himself.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve a one-year extension of ramp taxi vehicle permit #9044. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan, Leong
NOES: None

9. **HEARING AND POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF PERMIT HOLDER NO. 1170 HELD BY ALOYSIOUS HALL.**

Sergeant Simpson presented the case against Mr. Hall.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve the conditional Decision and Findings in Support of Revocation and that the item be continued until September 24, 2002. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan, Leong
NOES: None

10. **APPROVAL OF TAXI COMMISSION RULE REQUIRING ALL SF TAXI DRIVERS TO COMPLETE CERTIFIED CPR TRAINING DURING EACH CALENDAR YEAR.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:
- **Johnson Akinbodunse:** Supports voluntary CPR training.

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve the resolution encouraging all taxi driver to voluntarily be CPR trained and to participate in the American Red Cross CPR Super Saturday. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion.

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Alunan, Leong
NOES: None

11. ADJOURNMENT

In memory of Jim Kingsley.

Commissioner McGuire moved to adjourn at 11:02 a.m. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya Banks
Commission Secretary

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9. Discussion of a Resolution Encouraging the Board of Supervisors to correct MPC 1135(a) "Rates For Taxicabs" to be consistent with taxicab meter technology. (Memo from Executive Director)
10. Hearing and Discussion of Submitted January 1 – June 30, 2002 Taxicab Dispatch Reports. (Memo from Executive Director)
11. Approval of the Request by Luxor Cab to Place a *San Francisco Magazine* Award Sticker as "Best Taxicab Company in the Bay Area for 2002" on the Taxicabs. [ACTION] (Letter submitted by Luxor Cab)
12. Discussion and Possible Approval of Taxicab Wrap Color Scheme Changes to be effective October 18 – November 18, 2002. Applicant is National Cab Company Medallion Nos. 203, 207, 712, 734, 748, 897, 980, 1052, 1146, and 1231. The Wrap Color Scheme is Oracle. [ACTION] (Letter submitted by National Cab)
13. Approval of Taxicab Commission's September 12, 2002 Decision and Findings Supporting Revocation of Permit Holder No. 1170 Held by Aloysious Hall. [ACTION] (Continued from 9/12/02) (Findings)
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Juan R. Estrada	Oleg L. Gavrisenko	Ghulam Hussain	KenA. Koblenzer
Mahd D. Kraiem	Billy C.K. Lau	Regino N. Llaguno	Angela Lyman
Gustavo Martins	Roberson Monteiro	William E. Oliver	Sergio A. Requelme
Paul F. Robbin	Oscar E. Santos	Sargis Sargstan	Mohammed I. Shaikh
Mohiuddin G. Shaikh	Lucacio A. Simoes	Robert Soesanto	Jonathan W. Stepping
Win Thaw	Hai T. Tran	Myron W. Tse	Roman Udalov
Brian J. Williams			

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to: (Approval is conditional upon the applicants submitting insurance certification indicating appropriate coverage to operate under the new Color Scheme, notification to the Taxi Detail of the Specific Date of change and that such change be completed within ten days of Commission Approval).

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None	*None*	*None*

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES

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2.	*Mohamed Elsayed*	*672*	*United Cab to Desoto Cab*
3.	*Pablo Gravador*	*536*	*Big Dog Taxi to Luxor Cab*
4.	*King Wong*	*752*	*United Cab to Bay Cab*
5.	*Hendrina Damen*	*50*	*City-wide to National Cab**
6.	*Luis Deolazarra*	*1185*	*City-wide to National Cab**
7.	*Alexander Graf*	*417*	*City-wide to National Cab**
8.	*Joel Hollander*	*884*	*City-wide to National Cab**
9.	*Mark Hollander*	*881*	*City-wide to National Cab**
10.	*Howard Kelly*	*728*	*City-wide to National Cab**
11.	*Micheal Kelly*	*727*	*City-wide to National Cab**
12.	*Querida Rivera*	*52*	*City-wide to National Cab**
13.	*Albert Vella*	*447*	*City-wide to National Cab**

**The change of these cabs from City-wide to National Cab will coincide with the closure to the City-Wide Taxicab Color Scheme.*

PROPOSED CHANGE TO RULE 9.A.2 *(to be heard at the October 8, 2002 hearing)*
No person shall operate as the driver of a Ramped Taxicab unless they have completed all training required by the Municipal Railway Accessible Transit Unit. Proof of completion of training must be prominently displayed on the Driver's Identification Card

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Commission Chambers – Room 400
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
September 24, 2002
6:30 PM

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Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Gillespie; Breslin; McGuire; Wiener

ABSENT: Alunan; Leong; Sweet

VICE PRESIDENT GILLESPIE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:57 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little, Executive Director - Taxicab Commission; Captain Thomas O'Neill, Sergeant Vince Simpson, Inspector Farrell Suslow – Taxicab Detail

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **Robert Cesarin**: He had concerns about the privacy of security cameras in taxicabs. In addition, he believes waybills are private and not public documents.
- **Barry Taranto**: There was two separate incident where he needed assistance from the SFPD, but the response time took too long. 1. He picked up a passenger and drove him to 16th and Potrero Street. The passengers then jumped out of the taxi without paying the fare. 2. While on Bay/Taylor Street he observed a Limousine Driver soliciting for customers. The limousine driver verbally assaulted him. We need the police cooperation in our time of need.
- **Barry Koreugold**: There needs to be a crack down on Limo Driver solicitation for customers. If the Limo drivers insist on acting like taxicabs, then they should fall under the same jurisdiction and follow our Rules and Regulations.
- **George England**: Concerns over the Limousine Drivers solicitation of customers. Limousine are operating like a Taxi Fleet, which is illegal.
- **Ruach Graffis**: Taxicab Drivers are being charge a percentage for customer who pay with a credit card. It is illegal to redeem paratransit scripts and credit card charges from the taxi driver.
- **Austin James**: He has been a taxi driver for 22 years. Limousine Drivers are approaching passengers inside and outside the Airport soliciting business. The Limousine drivers are getting all of the high fare customers.

- Xxxxx: He was approach by another taxicab driver offering to sell paratransit script.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2002 TAXICAB COMMISSION MEETING**

Commissioner Gillespie moved the minutes be approved. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion. Passed.

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie **ABSENT:** Alunan, Leong, Sweet
NOES: None

5. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve the Consent Calendar items 5A Driver Public Passenger Vehicle; 5B 1-8, 10-11, 13-15, 17-20 Color Scheme Changes; 5C 1 Taxicab Medallions. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion. Passed.

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Gillespie, Wiener **ABSENT:** Alunan, Leong, Sweet
NOES: None

Commissioner Gillespie moved to continue item 5B-Color Scheme Changes for Mahammad Mann #1219, Morris Benveniste #924 and Richard Fogel #164 until September 30, 2002 and continue item 5C Taxicab Medallions for Timothy Lapp #627 and Gary Pang #936 until September 30, 2002. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion. Passed.

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Gillespie **ABSENT:** Alunan, Leong, Sweet
RECUSED: Wiener
NOES: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:
- **George England:** There is a rapid turnover of Taxi Drivers. The Commissioners should consider reducing Gate and Medallion Fees.
- **Robert Cesarin:** There is too much politics.

6. **TAXICAB COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUEST TO CALENDAR ITEMS**

- **Commissioner McGuire:** Requested reports on 1) A list of shareholders furnished by the corporate entities as of June 1978; 2) A list of current shareholders furnished by the corporate entities assigned to these permits; 3) A list of any decease shareholder of these corporate entities; 4) A list of stock transfer shareholders of any nature between June 1978 and the present.
- **Commissioner Gillespie:** 1) Welcomed Sonya Banks to the Taxi Commission. 2) Requested to adjourn in sympathy for President Sweet's father who passed away on September 23, 2002.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
- **Ruach Graffis:** Requested that Commissioners McGuire add on the calendar a hearing on Workers Compensation. Bay Cab is in arrears and so are many other company.

7. **STAFF REPORT**

Executive Director Little: 1) Introduce Ms. Sonya Banks; 2) On September 22nd the new schedule for permits and filing fees went into affect, the color scheme changes are now $250, Public Convenience and Necessity Applications are now $300, Ramp Taxi Fees were reduced to $100, Medallion holder renewal fee is $475, and the Public Passenger Vehicle Driver Permit is $45; 3) Reminder that the security cameras need to be installed in all taxicabs by January 26, 2003; 4) Will put security camera specifications on the Internet; 5) The September 26, 2002 Human Rights Commission meeting is honoring the memory of Sukhpal Singh, the taxicab driver who unfortunately was taken away from us on August 4th; 6) A letter was sent to CPUC indicating the Taxi Commissions willingness to participate in their meetings; 7) In the near future, possible at the Commission's next meeting on October 8th and after consultation with the Commission President, the Commission will consider various issues pertaining to the full-time driving requirement for medallion holders, such as whether there should be a cumulative hours driving requirement, what the driving requirement for taxi company managers and disabled persons should be, and the related question of whether full-time driving is an essential eligibility requirement of the City's taxi permitting programs.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Barry Koreugold**: Asked that the security camera signs in taxicabs address privacy concerns.

8. DISSUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MPC 1135 ALLOWING TAXICAB DRIVERS TO COLLECT A $2.00 PASS THROUGH FEE FROM PASSENGERS WHEN A TRIP IS INCURRED AT THE SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT.

Commissioner Breslin moved to have this item continued until September 30, 2002. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion. Passed.

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie **ABSENT**: Alunan, Leong, Sweet
NOES: None

9. DISCUSSION OF A RESOLUTION ENGOURAGING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CORRECT MPC 1135(a) "RATES FOR TAXICABS" TO BE CONSISTENT WITH TAXICAB METER TECHNOLOGY

Commissioner Breslin moved to have item MPC 1135(a) continued until September 30, 2002. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion. Passed.

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie **ABSENT**: Alunan, Leong, Sweet
NOES: None

10. HEARING AND DISCUSSION ON JANUARY 1 – JUNE 30, 2002 TAXICAB DISPATCH AUDIT.

Commissioner Breslin moved to have the Taxicab Dispatch Audit item continued until September 30, 2002. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion. Passed.

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie **ABSENT**: Alunan, Leong, Sweet
NOES: None

11. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY LUXOR CAB TO PLACE A SAN FRANCISCO MAGAZINE AWARD STICKER AS "BEST TAXICAB COMPANY IN THE BAY AREA FOR 2002" ON THE TAXICABS

Commissioner Breslin moved to have this item continued until September 30, 2002. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion. Passed.

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie **ABSENT**: Alunan, Leong, Sweet
NOES: None

12. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TAXICAB WRAP COLOR SCHEME CHANGES TO BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 18-NOVEMBER 18, 2002. MEDALLION NOS. 203, 207, 712, 734, 748, 897, 980, 1052, 1146, AND 1231. THE WRAP COLOR SCHEME IS ORACLE WORLD.

Commissioner Breslin moved to have Taxicab Wrap Color Scheme changes item continued until September 30, 2002. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion. Passed.

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie **ABSENT**: Alunan, Leong, Sweet
NOES: None

13. DECISION AND FINDINGS SUPPORTING REVOCATION OF PERMIT HOLDER NO. 1170 HELD BY ALOYSIOUS HALL.

Commissioner Breslin moved to have Permit #1170 revoked. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion. Passed.

AYES: Breslin, McGuire, Wiener, Gillespie
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan, Leong, Sweet

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **Barry Taranto:** Requested that Deputy City Attorney check into the public having a right to comment even if the item is continued. He thanked Naomi Little for holding the meeting regarding the $2.00 pass through.
- **Henry Kim:** Thought Item #11 should have been heard tonight.
- **Bill Hollabaugh:** On item #11, who decided this was the best taxicab company? And item #9, the taxi meters was simply not programmed to allow 5 minutes per mile.
- **Robert Cesarin:** He would like the Commission to stop reacting to issues separately but to link related items together. We need to see more people at these meetings for input into the future of this city.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gillespie moved to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING

September 30, 2002 at 1:00 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 416

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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of the Consent Calendar [ACTION]
5. Hearing & Possible Action on the Implementation of MPC 1135 Allowing Taxicab Drivers to Collect a $2.00 Pass Through Fee from Passengers When a Trip Fee is Incurred at the San Francisco International Airport. [POSSIBLE ACTION] (Heard on June 25, 2002) (Continued from September 12, 2002 and September 24, 2002) (Memo from Executive Director)
6. Discussion of a Resolution Encouraging the Board of Supervisors to correct MPC 1135(a) "Rates For Taxicabs" to be consistent with taxicab meter technology. (Continued from September 24, 2002) (Letter submitted by Charles Rathbone)
7. Hearing and Discussion of Submitted January 1 – June 30, 2002 Taxicab Dispatch Reports. (Continued from September 24, 2002) (Memo from Commission staff)
8. Approval of the a Request by Luxor Cab to Place a *San Francisco Magazine* Award Stickers as "Best Taxicab Company in the Bay Area for 2002" on the Taxicabs. [ACTION] (Continued from September 24, 2002) (Letter submitted by Luxor Cab)
9. Discussion and Possible Approval of Taxicab Wrap Color Scheme Changes to be effective October 18 – November 18, 2002. Applicant is National Cab Company Medallion Nos. 203, 207, 712, 734, 748, 897, 980, 1052, 1146, and 1231. The Wrap Color Scheme is Oracle World. [ACTION] (Continued from September 24, 2002) (Letter submitted by National Cab)
10. Adjournment.

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Taxicab Commission Agenda
Special Meeting
September 30, 2002 1:00 PM
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CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme Changes to: (Approval is conditional upon the applicants submitting insurance certification indicating appropriate coverage to operate under the new Color Scheme, notification to the Taxi Detail of the Specific Date of change and that such change be completed within ten days of Commission Approval).

	Medallion Holder	Cab #	Color Scheme
1.	Mahammad Mann	1219	Yellow Cab to Crown Cab
2.	Morris Benveniste	924	Yellow Cab to Desoto Cab
3.	Richard Fogel	164	CityWide to Yellow Cab

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of a Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

	Applicant	Medallion #	Color Scheme
1.	Timothy Lapp	627	Yellow Cab
2.	Gary Pang	936	Yellow Cab

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PRESENT: Sweet; Gillespie; Alunan; Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Wiener

ABSENT: Leong arrived at 2:15 p.m. and left at 2:50 p.m.

PRESIDENT SWEET CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:07 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little, Executive Director - Taxicab Commission; Inspector Farrell Suslow – Taxicab Detail

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

4. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

Commissioner Gillespie moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Alunan seconded the motion. Passed.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, McGuire, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:** Leong
RECUSED: Wiener
NOES: None

5. **HEARING & POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MPC 1135 ALLOWING TAXICAB DRIVERS TO COLLECT A $2.00 PASS THROUGH FEE FROM PASSENGERS WHEN A TRIP FEE IS INCURRED A THE SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.**

Alice Sgourakis, San Francisco International Airport Representative made a presentation to the Commissioners regarding the $2.00 pass through and comparative rates of other airports' ground transportations units.
Joe Sammut, National Taxi Supplies addressed the logistics of adding the $2.00 extra button to the meter.

Commissioner Wiener moved to add the $2.00 surcharge as an "extra" on the taxicab meter. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion. Motion Failed: 2-4

AYES: McGuire, Wiener **ABSENT:** Leong
NOES: Alunan, Breslin, Gillespie, Sweet

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Mark Gruberg**: He wants the Commissioners support in allowing the use of the extra button on the meter. He also understands that the drivers have loss tips and that some drivers have problems explaining the $2.00 pass through. The drivers will benefit from this surcharge.
- **Henry Kim:** The San Francisco Taxi Association has no problem with the extra button on the meter.

6. DISCUSSION OF A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR TO CORRECT MPC 1135(a) "RATES FOR TAXICABS" TO BE CONSISTENT WITH TAXICAB METER TECHNOLOGY.

Charles Rathbone made a presentation to the Commission regarding the discrepancy on the meters.
Joe Sammut, National Taxi Supplies answered questions from the Commissioners regarding recalibrating the meters.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Tara Housman:** Mr. Rathbone is not asking to break the seal to fix the meter so that it is in compliance with the MPC. He is asking that the next time the seal is broken, fix the meter.

7. HEARING AND DISCUSSION OF SUBMITTED JANAUARY 1 – JUNE 30, 2002 TAXICAB DISPATCH REPORTS.

Stephanie Malouf, Taxi Commission presented the Taxi Commission's dispatch report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **Barry Taranto:** He wanted to protest only having two (2) minutes public comment. Thanked Naomi Little for the dispatch report and Commissioner McGuire for calendaring the item. He had concerns about the figures accuracy and would like them reviewed.
- **Tara Housman:** Suggested that actual dispatcher have an input with regards to the dispatch form.
- **Ruach Graffis:** Had concerns about 1) how long it takes calls to be dispatched; 2) how long it take the company to answer the phones; 3) once the calls are answered how long does it take the cab to be dispatched; 4) and how long it takes the cab to arrive once dispatched?
- **Henry Kim**: Offered an open invitation to the Commissioners to look at Luxor's dispatch system.

8. APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST BY LUXOR CAB TO PLACE A SAN FRANCISCO MAGAZINE AWARD STICKERS "BEST TAXICAB COMPANY IN THE BAY AREA FOR 2002" ON THE TAXICABS.

- **Henry Kim, Luxor Cab,** explained to the Commissioners where the decal would be located on the Luxor cab.

Commissioner Wiener move to approve the placement of the decal on the right front of the vehicle underneath medallion number until June 30, 2003. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion. Motion Passed 6-1.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener, Sweet **ABSENT:**
NOES: Gillespie

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Tara Housman:** She suggested the decal have better color contrast against the vehicle. At night the decal seem to read "Best of the Bay". She requested not to place the decal on the rear pillar near the inspection sticker because it will look like an official endorsement.

9. **POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TAXICAB WRAP COLOR SCHEME CHANGES TO BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 18 – NOVEMBER 18, 2002. APPLICANT IS NATIONAL CAB COMPANY MEDALLION NOS. 203, 207, 712, 734, 748, 897, 980, 1052, 1146, AND 1231. THE WRAP COLOR SCHEME IS ORACLE WORLD.**

Commissioner Leong moved to approve the Taxicab Wrap Color Scheme Changes. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

AYES: Alunan, Breslin, Leong, Wiener, Gillespie, Sweet **ABSENT:**
NOES: None
RECUSED: McGuire

[SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS ANNOUNCEMENT NOT CALENDARED]
Commissioner Breslin: Last Friday was the City designated car free day on Montgomery Street from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and the 10th anniversary of Critical Mass. Bicycle Transportation is a recognized means of transportation and as such should be license and held accountable to the rule of the road. Through the Chair, she requested the Commission take a look at safety issues pertaining to bicycles as they affect the drivers of this industry. She would like to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisor that the City license bicycles to improve safety for taxicab drivers and the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
- **Ruach Graffis:** Suggested to invite Dave Synder of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition to the meeting.
- **Tara Housman:** The bicyclist should at least stop at stop signs and use turn signals and have lights at night for night cab drivers, it's a serious hazard.
- **Henry Kim:** During last Friday's Critical Mass, Luxor cab had two (2) accidents with cyclist and one (1) cyclist damaged a Luxor cab.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Gillespie moved to adjourn at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya Banks
Commission Secretary

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TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

October 8, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.
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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of the Minutes for the September 24, 2002 Taxicab Commission Meeting. [ACTION]
5. CLOSED SESSION ON EXISTING LITIGATION
   a. Public Comment on all matters pertaining to the closed session.
   b. Vote on Whether to Hold the Closed Session to Confer with Legal Counsel pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code 67.10(d). [ACTION]
   c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 [DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION]
      i. Name of Case: United Taxicab Workers and Zareh K. Soghikian vs. Taxi Commission of the City and County of San Francisco, Board of Appeals of the City and County of San Francisco; City and County of San Francisco; and Does 1-25; San Francisco Superior Court; Case No. CPF-02-501530; Filed August 13, 2002.
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   d. Reconvene in Open Session. Vote on Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session Pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a). [ACTION]
6. Approval of the Consent Calendar [ACTION]
7. Taxicab Commission Announcements & Requests to Calendar Items
8. Staff Report

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9. Approval of an Amendment to Taxi Commission Rule 9.A.2 stating, "No person shall operate as the driver of a Ramped Taxicab unless they have completed all training required by the Municipal Railway Accessible Transit Unit. Proof of completion of training must be prominently displayed on the Driver's Identification Card." [ACTION]

10. Hearing and Possible Approval of Whether the Full Time Driving Requirement is an Essential Eligibility Requirement for Purposes of Reviewing Requests for Modification Under the Americans with Disability Act and Determining Whether Such Requests Would Fundamentally Alter the Nature of the Program. [ACTION] (Continued from April 23, 2002 and May 28, 2002) (Resolution)

11. Hearing and Possible Suspension or Revocation of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle Permit Held by Timothy Taylor. (Continued from August 13, 2002) [ACTION]

12. Hearing and Possible Suspension or Revocation of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle Permit Held by Mohammed Tajamal. [ACTION]

13. Adjournment.

TEN-DAY NOTICE: (Hearing scheduled for October 22, 2002)

Approval of an Amendment to the Taxicab Commission's By-Laws Article VII – Meetings, Attendance at—stating, "1. All Commissioners' shall notify the Executive Director when he or she will be absent from the Commission meeting for any reason prior to the meeting. 2. If a Commissioner has three or more unexcused absences, said Commissioner must provide written documentation of reasons for the absences to the President of the Commission or the Executive Director."

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Vehicle permits to:

Gemilson Anastacio	Giovanni Aparicio	Emilio J. Bidegain	Bryan K. Blair
De Khac Cao	Andrejs Drozdovs	Glenn W. Evans	Stephen T. Fulton
Eduard S. Gotovskiy	Morouan M. Hajjoubi	Brice B. Hobbs	Valeriy Khomchenko
Anug T. Latt	Amjad A. Malik	Edward S. Melen	Gary Mendenhall
Dwight Minor	Hafiz T. Mohamed	Armen Novosartov	Samuel Pendar
Bouchaib Rhartag	Jun Y. Shi	Genady Vilisov	Min Zaw

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme changes to:

	Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change
1.	Mohamed Elsayed	672	United Cab to DeSoto Cab
2.	Pablo Gravador	536	Big Dog City to Luxor Cab
3.	King Wong	752	United Cab to Bay Cab
4.	Hendrina Damen	50	CityWide to Yellow Cab*
5.	Luis Deolazarra	1185	CityWide to National Cab*
6.	Alexander Graf	417	CityWide to National Cab*
7.	Joel Hollander	884	CityWide to National Cab*
8.	Mark Hollander	881	CityWide to National Cab*
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10.	Michael Kelley	727	CityWide to National Cab*
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Regular Meeting
October 8, 2002 6:30 PM
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Room 400

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TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER: *None*

RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER: *None*

NEW COLOR SCHEME: *None*

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES: *None*

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Commission Chambers – Room 400
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
October 8, 2002
6:30 PM

Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Sweet; Gillespie; Alunan; Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Wiener

ABSENT:

PRESIDENT SWEET CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:37 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little, Executive Director - Taxicab Commission; Lieutenant Bruce Lorin, Lieutenant Jeanne Schlotz, Sergeant Vince Simpson, Inspector Farrell Suslow, Officer Linney – Taxicab Detail

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Barry Taranto:** Would like the Commission's to prepare a resolution to the CPUC regarding the problem with Limousines. Protested the two (2) minute public comments.
- **Robert Cesana:** He would like to give the Commissioners a reality check before going into closed session. The K medallion holders are the industry. The old medallion holders never do anything. He suggests looking at the turnover of A card drivers, they do not stay in the industry. What encouragement do you give drivers to stay on the list? Workmen compensation and retirement should be an incentive to stay in the business.
- **Carl Macmurdo:** Would like for the Commission and Board of Supervisors to review Prop K policy and hold a public hearing to formulate these actions: 1) Allow hourly standards base on driving standard. 2) Develop screening criteria for applicants. 3) Create a medallion retention system based upon career driving standards.
- **Murai**: Permit Holder Drivers have been working for years in this industry. When the permit driver is no longer able to drive there should be a safety net. Permit Holders need the same support from the City as provided to immigrant. We need to work together.
- **George England, Luxor Cab**: Driving for 22 years. Some Medallion Holders feel they shouldn't have to drive and the permit should subsidize them for the rest of their life. The industry procedure for distributing medallions is disfunctional and needs to be modified. Every driver who expressed a sincerity to drive and

make it a career should have the opportunity to get a medallion.

- XXXX: Considers the full time driving requirement not an essential eligibilities requirement. Loves his job and will never give up his medallion. He will not receive economic benefit if he doesn't drive. If every driver owns a permit then the quality would go down. Who would lease their cabs out.
- **Tariq Mehmood**, Yellow Cab: He wants the system to be change so that the medallion can be recycled every three (3) years to the people on the list.
- XXXX: She would like to return to the hourly driving requirement. The medallion was established to keep people in the business.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2002 TAXICAB COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Wiener moved the minutes be approved. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener **ABSENT:**
NOES: None

5. CLOSED SESSION ON EXISTING LITIGATION

A. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CLOSED SESSION

B. VOTE ON WHETHER TO HOLD THE CLOSED SESSION TO CONFER WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 67.10(D)

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener **ABSENT:**
NOES: None **RECUSED:**

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION-PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9

D. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION. VOTE ON WHETHER TO DISCLOSE ANY OR ALL DISCUSSIONS HELD IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 67.12(a)

Commissioner Gillespie moved not to disclose any of the Closed Session discussion in item C1 and C2. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, McGuire **ABSENT:**
NOES: None **RECUSED:** Leong, Wiener

6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Wiener moved the approve items 6A. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire Wiener **ABSENT:**
NOES: None **RECUSED:**

Commission Wiener moved to approve items 6B with the exception of 6B4 and to continue 6B11. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, Wiener **ABSENT:**
NOES: None **RECUSED:** McGuire

Commissioner Gillespie motioned to approve item 6B4. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire **ABSENT:**
NOES: None **RECUSED:** Wiener

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Barry Taranto:** Pointed out that one applicant on the color scheme changes list no longer has an "A" card.

7. TAXICAB COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUEST TO CALENDAR ITEMS

Commissioner Leong: Wants to congratulate the San Francisco Asian Taxicab Association. He believes it has 150 members.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Mike Spain:** There were no Permit Holders at the Board of Supervisors meeting because it was not announced. Would like to have all meeting concerns permit holders announce at the Commission Hearing.

8. STAFF REPORT

Naomi Little, Executive Director: Announced that the Board of Supervisor Transportation and Commerce Committee meeting on October 10, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 263 will hear the meter and gate increase legislation.

9. **APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO TAXI COMMISSION RULE 9.A.2. STATING, "NO PERSON SHALL OPERATE AS THE DRIVER OF A RAMPED TAXICAB UNLESS THEY HAVE COMPLETED ALL TRAINING REQUIRED BY THE MUNICIPAL RAILWAY ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT UNIT. PROOF OF COMPLETION OF TRAINING MUST BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED ON THE DRIVER'S IDENTIFICATION CARD."**

Commissioner McGuire motioned to approve a sticker to be place on the driver's identification card as proof of completion of sensitivity training. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES:	Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener	**ABSENT:**
NOES:	None	**RECUSED:**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Laurie Graham:** Presented to the Commission an example of what the sticker on the card would look like. Certification cards would be issued after completion of the class. She also informed the Commission about the Paratransit meeting.
- **Murai:** Some companies run out of paratransit drivers and may not be able to fill shifts in ramp taxi vehicles. Non-paratransit drivers should be able to drive ramp taxi vehicles.

10. **HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF WHETHER THE FULL TIME DRIVING REQUIREMENT IS AN ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR PURPOSES OF REVIEWING REQUESTS FOR MODIFICATION UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT AND DETERMING WHETHER SUCH REQUESTS WOULD FUNDAMENTALLY ALTER THE NATURE OF THE PROGRAM.**

Commission Gillespie motioned to approve the full time driving requirement as an essential eligibility requirement for ADA purposes. Commission Wiener seconded the motion.

AYES:	Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener	**ABSENT:**
NOES:	Alunan	**RECUSED:**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **Murai:** She is a medallion holder. Anybody can get on the list and there is no lottery. Any cab drivers could have put their name on the list. We are now being told that just because we are medallion holders it is not a pension and that we have to drive.
- **John Bartholomew:** He is 73 years old and would like to retire but after reading the resolution he didn't find it very encouraging.
- **Robert Cesana:** He believes that the resolution has incorrect wording. According to this Resolution anybody can be on the eligibility list, even children. The Commission is trying to side step the issues.
- **Norma Geer, Yellow Ramp Cab #9048:** The Resolution contains legal sensitive terminology. What is the purpose of this program? The present program has been working successfully for 25 years. Prop. K states that drivers should provide the customer with prompt, courtesy, and honesty service.
- **Dirk Neyhart, Black and White Checker Cab #244:** He has worked since 1970 but was stabbed by his last passenger and is now unable to drive. He would like to enjoy the fruits of his labor that he has worked for.

- **Tara Housman:** Driving a cab is only one small element of operating a taxicab as the medallion holder. Medallion holders have a large responsibility. There is no requirement that you make these essential elements.
- **David Kiley, Luxor Cab 840:** He has been driving for 22 years. It is important if a person served this City. If you would like to retire, you should be able to hold on to your medallion. This is the only pension permit holders have.
- **Mark Gruber:** The driving requirement is the only requirement that cannot be passed on. A cab company would gladly take over every other responsibility to maintain a cab on the street. The only thing a person must do is drive the cab, if that is not an essential eligibility requirement than what is? It is not to provide a retirement income at the expense of less privileged workers. We need disability and retirement in the industry.
- **Joseph Fleischman:** Opposes the Resolution. If it passes, then every permittee that cannot drive a taxicab will lose their business license. He feels that every case is different and should be decided on its own merit. Adopting this resolution would restrict the Commission in replication even for long-term drivers.
- **Herman Trindad:** He is the owner of a cab company and has been driving for 23 years. He agrees and disagrees with the Resolution. He believes that this resolution is asking for a miracle because you cannot make a person with disabilities drive a taxicab, they would be endangering themselves as well as others. The ADA in 1978 was not in affect when Prop. K passed.
- **Mike Spain:** He rejects this resolution. He thinks the language used is false.
- **Carl Macmurdo:** He has four reasons to reject this resolution. 1) It disregards the fact that the Appeals Courts provided disabled permittee some relief from the driving standards; 2) It violates Prop. K; 3) ADA revocation guidelines are unacceptable until it addresses long term disability situations; 4) The taxi medallion is a business license, this resolution defies it as a work permit.
- **George England, Luxor Cab:** This is a serious legal issue that needs to be researched and studied. We need to look at how much money is going out of this business. The City intended that the medallions to be handed out to people that are considering being full time professional taxicab drivers.
- **Ruach Graffis:** This is the civil war issue in the industry. This issues tugs at everyone's heartstring. How can you take away a Permit from a driver who has driven for 20 or 30 years, who is disable, who is 73 years old and need to retire. Prop. K did not talk about that. It talked about putting the permit in the hands of the working drivers, it didn't talk about disability or retirement because it foresaw that people with medallion would have extra money. We need retirement for everybody in the industry. Give the people on the waiting list some hope that they will get their medallions. The money medallion holders make from their medallion should be saved and put into a retirement plan.
- **Anne McVeich**: Doesn't think the Commission should vote on this item because of the wording change from operator to driver. She thinks this is a very serious word change. She would like to calendar an item of New Business.
- **Nakamura:** What is the vision of this Commission with respect to this industry? He asked the Commissioners to use their discretion and give lead way to those taxi drivers who have disabilities.

11. HEARING AND POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF DRIVER PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMIT HELD BY TIMOTHY TAYLOR.

Adam Slote, Attorney for Tim Taylor, submitted a letter asking that this item be continued until further notice.

12. HEARING AND POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF DRIVER PUBLLIC PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMIT H ELD BY MOHAMMED TAJAMAL.

Commissioner McGuire recommended Mr. Tajamal's Driver Public Passenger Vehicle Permit be suspended. The Taxi Commission will review the status of Mr. Tajamal's permit in six (6) months contingent upon Mr. Tajamal providing proof of completing 90 Twelve Step Program Classes; Taxicab Class; and a drug test prior to the review. Commission Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Alunan, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener **ABSENT:**
NOES: **RECUSED:**

13. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wiener moved to adjourn at 10:42 p.m. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sonya Banks
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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of the Minutes for the September 30, 2002 and October 8, 2002 Taxicab Commission Meetings. [ACTION]
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9. Possible Approval of Taxicab Wrap Color Scheme Changes to be effective November 1 – November 30, 2002 instead of October 18 – November 18, 2002. Applicant is National Cab Company Medallion Nos. 203, 207, 712, 734, 748, 897, 980, 1052, 1146, and 1231. The Wrap Color Scheme is Oracle World. (Continued from September 24, 2002 and heard September 30, 2002) [ACTION]
10. Hearing and Possible Suspension or Revocation of Permit Holder No. 850 Held By Yossedek Desta. [ACTION]
11. Hearing and Possible Approval of Suspension of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle Permit Held by Raymond Deocareza. [ACTION]
12. Approval of Findings Recommending Suspension of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle Permit Held by Mohammed Tajamal. [ACTION]
13. Adjournment.

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Grigory Poretsky	Ronald L. Pottol	Abdul H. Rajput	Scott C. Rand
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C. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Luxor Cab to place a *San Francisco Magazine* Award Sticker as "Best Taxicab Company in the Bay Area for 2002" on both sides of the Taxicab instead of one side. (Heard on September 30, 2002)

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RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER: *None*

NEW COLOR SCHEME: *None*

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES:

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1.	*Ali Dadgar*	*9007*	*Town Taxi to Luxor Cab*
2.	*Drosdado Galicha*	*777*	*Luxor Cab to Bay Cab*
3.	*Alex Mofrad*	*1239*	*Crown Cab to United Cab*
4.	*David Xe*	*9072*	*Luxor Cab to Bay Cab*
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MINUTES

Commission Chambers – Room 400
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
October 22, 2002
6:30 PM

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Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Sweet; Gillespie; Leong; McGuire; Wiener

ABSENT: Alunan; Breslin

PRESIDENT SWEET CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:35 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little, Executive Director - Taxicab Commission; Captain Thomas O'Neill, Lieutenant Jeanne Schlotz, Sergeant Vince Simpson, Inspector Farrell Suslow, Officer Paul Makaveckas – Taxicab Detail

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **Barry Taranto:** Informed the Commissioners of his termination from National Cab Company. He feels that Richard Hybels, his manager, fired him because he comes before Taxicab Commission on matters of urgency regarding the Taxi Industry. Would like the Commission to look into amending vehicle equipment rules regarding salvaged vehicles. Even though these vehicles may fall within the less than 3 years, under 30,000 miles rules, are these vehicles legal? He believes that the salvage vehicle cause problems.
- **Henry Kim, S.F. Taxi Association:** The San Francisco Taxi Association support President Sweet's comments regarding the Airport making taxicab decisions without talking to the Taxi Commission. However, the San Francisco Taxi Association supports the use of the extra button on the meter.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 AND OCTOBER 8, 2002 TAXICAB COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Commissioner Wiener moved the minutes for 9/30/02 and 10/08/02 to be approved. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan, Breslin
RECUSED:

5. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

5 A&C. Commissioner Leong moved the Consent Calendar be approved except for line item B. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Leong, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan, Breslin
RECUSED: McGuire

5 B. Commissioners Leong moved to approve line item B of the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan, Breslin
RECUSED:

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Henry Kim:** He originally requested that only one of the San Francisco Magazine Award Sticker "Best Taxicab Company in the Bay Area for 2002" be placed on Luxor cabs. Luxor is now requesting that two (2) stickers be placed, one on each side of the front of the cab.

6. **TAXICAB COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUESTS TO CALENDAR ITEMS**

Commissioner McGuire: Questioned when will there be appropriate signage regarding the airport pass through fee. She would like something more professional looking instead of a piece of paper taped to the back of the front seat.
Commissioner Leong: Would like for the commission staff to look into placing taxicab stands by City Hall and Chinatown. He suggested a taxicab stand at either Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place or Van Ness Avenue.

7. **STAFF REPORT**

Naomi Little, Executive Director: This coming Thursday, October 24, 2002 the Board of Supervisor Transportation and Commerce Committee will hold another hearing on the gate and meter increase legislation at 9:30 a.m. in Room 263. We received a phone call from Jerry Robbins of Department of Public Traffic, that Department of Public Traffic began working on the taxi stands at Haight & Masonic Street, Fillmore & Haight Street and Church & 24th Street. As of Monday, October 21, 2002 Jerry Robbins stated that it should take 30 days to complete the taxi stands. The Taxi Commission will start looking into taxi stands in Chinatown and the Sunset District.

8. **APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE TAXICAB COMMISSION'S BY-LAWS ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS, ATTENDANCE AT – STATING, "1) ALL COMMISSIONERS' SHALL NOTIFY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHEN HE OR SHE WILL BE ABSENT FROM THE COMMISSION MEETING FOR ANY REASON PRIOR TO THE MEETING. 2) IF A COMMISSIONER HAS THREE OR MORE UNEXCUSED ABSENCES, SAID COMMISSIONER MUST PROVIDE WRITEN DOCUMENTATION OF REASONS FOR THE ABSENCES TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR."**

Commissioner Wiener moved to approve the amendment of the Taxi Commission By-Laws Article VII. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan, Breslin
RECUSED:

9. **POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TAXICAB WRAP COLOR SCHEME CHANGES TO BE EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1 – NOVMEBER 30, 2002 INSTEAD OF OCTOBER 18 – NOVEMBER 18, 2002. APPLICANT IS NATIONAL CAB COMPANY MEDALLION NOS. 203, 207, 712, 734, 748, 897, 980, 1052, 1146, AND 1231. THE WRAP COLOR SCHEME IS ORACLE WORLD. (Continued from September 24, 2002 and heard September 30, 2002)**

Commissioner Gillespie moved the approval of Wrap Color Scheme Change effective 11/1/02 to 11/30/02. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Leong, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan, Breslin
RECUSED: McGuire

- **Barry Taranto:** He inquired why the Wrap was going past the conference date. He also suggested that the Wrap request be made by the Medallion Holders not the company. The Wraps should also benefit the drivers.

10. HEARING AND POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF PERMIT HOLDER NO. 850 HELD BY YOSSEDEK DESTA.

Yossedek Desta wrote a letter asking for his hearing to be continued for one (1) month.

11. HEARING AND POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF DRIVER PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMIT HELD BY RAYMOND DEOCAREZA.

Sergeant Simpson presented the case on behalf of the Taxicab Detail.
Raymond Deocareza spoke on his own behalf.
Officer Paul Makaveckas spoke on behalf of the Taxicab Detail.

Commissioner Leong recommended Mr. Deocareza's Driver Public Passenger Vehicle Permit be suspended. The Taxi Commission will review the status of Mr. Deocareza's permit in six (6) months contingent upon Mr. Deocareza providing proof of completing 90 Twelve Step Program Classes; Taxicab Class; and a drug test prior to the review. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Leong, McGuire
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan, Breslin
RECUSED: Wiener

12. APPROVAL OF FINDINGS RECOMMENDING SUSPENSION OF DRIVER PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMIT HELD BY MOHAMMED TAJAMAL.

Commissioner Leong moved to approve the Findings for Mohammed Tajamal. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan, Breslin
RECUSED:

13. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wiener moved to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya Banks
Commission Secretary

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TAXICAB COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

November 6, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of the Minutes for the October 22, 2002 Taxicab Commission Meeting. [ACTION]
5. Approval of the Consent Calendar [ACTION]
6. Taxicab Commission Announcements & Requests to Calendar Items
7. Staff Report
8. CLOSED SESSION ON EXISTING AND ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.
   a. Public Comment on all matters pertaining to closed session.
   b. Vote on whether to hold closed session to confer with legal counsel (San Francisco Administrative Code § 67.10(d) [ACTION]
   c. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code § 67.10(d):
      i. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. San Francisco Permitholders and Drivers Association, et al. v. City and County of San Francisco, et al., Case No. A095858, California Court of Appeal, First District, filed August 23, 2001. [DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION]
      ii. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. As defendant (number of possible cases unknown). Discussion of litigation implications of implementing Commission's determination of October 8, 2002 that full-time driving is an essential eligibility requirement of the city's taxi permitting programs [DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION]
   d. Reconvene in Open Session:
      i. Possible Report on action taken in closed session. [ACTION]
      ii. Vote on whether to disclose any or all discussions held in closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code § 67.12(a)). [ACTION]
9. Hearing & Action on Whether to Add the $2.00 Surcharge Pursuant to MPC 1135 Allowing Taxicab Drivers to Collect a $2.00 Surcharge from Passengers When a Trips Originates at the San Francisco International Airport to the "Extra" Button on the Taxicab Meter. [POSSIBLE ACTION] (Heard on June 25, 2002) (Continued from September 12, 2002 and September 24, 2002) (Heard September 30, 2002) [ACTION]

10. Hearing and Discussion on Rule Banning the Use of Ramped Taxi Permits in Spare Regular Vehicles.
    a. . Possible Action for the Extension of the Suspension of the Rule Banning the Use of Ramped Taxi Permits in Spare Regular Sedans When a Spare Ramped Taxicab Vehicle is Unavailable. [ACTION]
    b. Possible Action Adopting a Resolution Asking the Board of Supervisors to Pass an Ordinance by the Taxi Commission to Amend the Municipal Police Code to Allow Ramped Taxi Medallions to be Place in Spare Regular Sedans When a Spare Ramped Taxi is Unavailable. [ACTION]

11. Hearing and Possible Approval of A Resolution Adopting a Passenger Bill of Rights and a Driver Bill of Rights. [ACTION] (Draft Passenger and Driver Bill of Rights)

12. Hearing and Possible Suspension or Revocation of Taxicab Color Scheme Holder Permit Held by Richard Hybels of Metro Cab. [ACTION]

13. Approval of Findings Recommending Suspension of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle Permit Held by Raymond Deocareza. [ACTION] (Findings)

14. Adjournment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Vehicle permits to:

Shahrokh Asbaghi	Gurmeet Dabb	Eugene Duffy	Darren A. Foge
Tom Fung	Paulo A. Gaeta	Bijay Gautam	Sean M. Heskett
Patrick S. Herms	Jim Katagawa	Jason Lin	Dave Longyear
Steven L. Martino	Joao A. Oliveira	Andrew J. Osuna-Ngou	Jose L. Perez
Semen Radzivilovsky	Mohamed H. Sabry	Tommy T. Saine	Michael Shreve
Daljit Singh	Spanky	Muhammad F. Usman	Terefe W. Zeleke

B. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Taxicab Color Scheme changes to, (Approval is conditional upon the applicants submitting insurance certification indicating appropriate coverage to operate under the new Color Scheme, notification to the Taxi Detail of the Specific Date of change and that such change be completed within twenty-one days of Commission Approval):

	Medallion Holder	Cab #	Change
1.	Ali Dadgar	9007	Town Taxi to Luxor Cab
2.	Drosdado Galicha	777	Luxor Cab to Bay Cab
3.	Alex Mofrad	1239	Crown Cab to United Cab
4.	David Xe	9072	Luxor Cab to Bay Cab
5.	Zuhair Zaru	1090	Yellow Cab to Bay Cab

C. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for the approval of a Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Applicant	Cab #	Change
Abla Nimri	131	USA Cab

NOTICE

This is not an agenda item for this meeting, but serves as a public notice.

The following individuals have filed and completed applications for Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits, Ramped Taxicab Medallion Holder Permits or Color Scheme Changes which will be reviewed and considered on the November 26, 2002 hearing: (copies of the applications are available for review at the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail, 850 Bryant Street, Room 458, each Business day from 9am to 4pm).

TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:	RAMPED TAXICAB PERMIT HOLDER:	NEW COLOR SCHEME:
Jack Dudum	*None*	*None*

COLOR SCHEME CHANGES:

1.	*Nazih Ibrahim*	*948*	*Royal Cab to Luxor Cab*
2.	*Margo Miranda*	*933*	*Metro Cab to Desoto Cab*
3.	*Jian Zhou*	*9068*	*Yellow Cab to Regents Cab*

Copies of the commission's "Procedures for Protesting the Prospective Issuance of a Taxicab/Ramped Taxi Permit (Medallion)" are available upon request at the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail, 850 Bryant Street, Room 458, each Business day from 9am to 4pm. (Documents distributed are in parenthesis) Copies of obtainable documents may be viewed or obtained at the San Francisco Police Taxicab Detail, 850 Bryant Street, Room 458.

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ABSENT: Alunan; Leong

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STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little, Executive Director - Taxicab Commission; Captain Thomas O'Neill, Sergeant Vince Simpson, Inspector Farrell Suslow, Lt. Jeannie Schlotz, Lt. Bruce Lorin – Taxicab Detail

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **Richard Hybels:** Explained that the calendared Metro Cab suspension was caused by his inability to get a $1 million insurance coverage, which caused him to be suspended from the Paratransit program. As of today, he has secured the $1 million automobile liability insurance. He would like to apologize to the public for the inconvenienced that Metro was not able to help out.
- **Robert Cesana:** He would like for the Commission to consider suspending the issuance of any permit that has been returned. Can the Commissioners come up with a plan to reduce the number of cabs on the street, because taxicab drivers aren't making much money and everybody is depressed? The Commission duties are to two people, the general public and the taxi industry.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 22, 2002 TAXICAB COMMISSION MEETING**

Commissioner Wiener moved the minutes be approved. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan, Leong
RECUSED:

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Wiener moved the approval of the Consent Calendar except item B5. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener **ABSENT:** Alunan, Leong
NOES: None **RECUSED:**

Commissioner Gillespie moved the approval of item B5 of the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, McGuire **ABSENT:** Alunan, Leong
NOES: None **RECUSED:** Wiener

6. TAXICAB COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUEST TO CALENDAR ITEMS

Commissioner Breslin: There seems to be more out-of-town taxis in San Francisco. Maybe its because the Holiday Season is approaching. She wants to remind everyone that the Taxi Detail has a 24-hour hotline number, which is (415) 553-1447. If you see someone who should not be on the streets picking up passenger, please report it to the Taxi Detail. They are there and will enforce it.
Commissioner McQuire: During the World Series the taxicab stand on 2nd and Townsend Street was filled with police vehicles. It wasn't available for taxicabs to use. As a result a lot of taxi drivers received $50.00 tickets when they stopped to pick up passengers. Requested Director Little to conduct an investigation of this matter. Asked Ms. Little to meet with Department of Public Traffic representatives and try to find out how to get those citations dismissed. Please put out a flyer letting taxicab drivers who received a ticket to turn them in to the Taxi Commission.

7. STAFF REPORT

Naomi Little, Executive Director: On Monday, December 16, 2002, the Taxi Commission will have a safety hearing in room 421 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. The Gate & Meter Increase Legislation scheduled on November 4th was reschedule before the Board of Supervisor for Tuesday, November 12th.

8. CLOSED SESSION ON EXISTING AN DANTICIPATED LITIGATION

A. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO CLOSED SESSION

B. VOTE ON WHETHER TO HOLD CLOSED SESSION TO CONFER WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 67.10 (D)

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener **ABSENT:** Alunan, Leong
NOES: None **RECUSED:**

C. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54956.9 AND SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 67.10(D)

D. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Gillespie moved not to disclose any of the Closed Session discussion in item C1 and C2. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener **ABSENT:** Alunan, Leong
NOES: None **RECUSED:**

9. HEARING & ACTION ON WHETHER TO ADD THE $2.00 SURCHARGE PURSUANT TO MPC 1135 ALLOWING TAXICAB DRIVERS TO COLLECT A $2.00 SURCHARGE FROM PASSENGERS WHEN A TRIP ORIGINATES AT THE SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO THE "EXTRA" BUTTON ON THE TAXICAB METER.

Joe Summut, National Taxi Supplies: Demonstrated what the "Extra" Button would look like on the meters.

Commissioner Wiener moved the approval to add the $2.00 Surcharge Pursuant to MPC 1135 allowing taxicab drivers to collect a $2.00 surcharge from passengers when a trip originates at the San Francisco International Airport to the "Extra" Button on the taxicab meter. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan, Leong
RECUSED:

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Tara Housman:** The airport is doubling its fees and cutting its service. The airport had at least four chances to let the Commission know about its decision. She would like the Taxi Commission to ask San Francisco Airport to reconsider its fee structure for taxicabs so that there are no charges for short trips only $4.00 for long trips. She feels it needs to be renegotiated.
- **Robert Cesana:** He feels that all changes to the meters should be recalibrate together.

10. HEARING AND DISCUSSION ON RULE BANNING THE USE OF RAMPED TAXI PERMITS IN SPARE REGULAR VEHICLES.

A. Possible Action for the Extension of the Suspension of the Rule Banning the Use of Ramped Taxi Permits in Spare Regular Sedans When a Spare Ramped Taxicab Vehicle is Unavailable.

Commissioner Gillespie moved the approval of item "A". Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan, Leong
RECUSED:

B. Possible Action Adopting a Resolution Asking the Board of Supervisors to Pass an Ordinance by the Taxi Commission to Amend the Municipal Police Code to Allow Ramped Taxi Medallions to be Place in Spare Regular Sedans When a Spare Ramped Taxi is Unavailable.

Commissioner Gillespie moved the approval of item "B". Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan, Leong
RECUSED:

Naomi Little, Executive Director: Read letter from Marc Soto, General Manager of the Paratransit Program. The Paratransit Broker has some concerns with the use of ramp taxis in spare sedan taxis. 1. Routine maintenance should not be a reason to allow the use of a spare sedan taxi, only serious circumstances. 2. The Commission should collect data on the frequency of the use of ramps in spare sedans.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Henry Kim:** He believes that it is in the best interest of the cab companies to have as many ramped taxis available as possible. The problem is that ramped taxis break down continuously and constantly. He feels that if a ramped taxi breaks down it should be the cab company first priority to have it repaired immediately. It is a real need for the cab companies to use spare vehicles when ramped taxis breakdown. This will allow the driver to fulfill their shifts.
- **Laurie Graham, Yellow Ramped Taxi, Medallion 9039:** She agrees with Henry Kim statement and she hopes that this ordinance continues and gets recommended to the Board of Supervisors.
- **Tara Housman:** She thinks the ordinance generally sound good but she is not comfortable with the fleet limits portion, Section C. It is possible that more than one ramped taxi will be broken down at the same time. She feels that regular maintenance should be a good excuse to use a spare cab. She states that the ramped medallion holder is not permitted to bid on getting city owned vehicles.
- **Ruach Graffis:** She appreciates Paul Zarefsky's work on the ordinance. She does not know how often ramp medallions will be in spares. Every week the companies should fax which ramp medallions are in spare sedans or spare ramps.

11. **HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PASSENGER BILL OF RIGHTS AND A DRIVER BILL OF RIGHTS.**

Commissioner Breslin moved to continue adopting the Passenger/Driver Bill of Rights to the Call of the Chair. Commissioner Wiener seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan, Leong
RECUSED:

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Tara Housman:** She would like to see this item continued until Commissioner Leong returns, perhaps he can explain what he wants out of this Bill of Rights. 1.The two-way dispatch radio is the driver's lifeline. A passenger should ask to turn it down not off. 2. Add the rest of the regulation to the Driver Bill of Rights regarding a passenger being clean, sober, orderly and lawful.
- **Robert Cesana:** The Bill of Right puzzles him because everything is already covered by taxi ordinance. We have the flexibility to either allow or not allow a passenger to smoke in our taxicabs. We already have a English standard test given by Taxi Detail. Heavily scented perfume bothers him when driving.
- **Ruach Graffis, United Taxicab Worker:** She would like to duplicate Robert Cesana comments on English language standard level. Several years ago the Mayor Task Force decided not to have the English Language Standards Examination, she believes it is illegal. The drivers are required to have only 8 hours of geography training, which is not enough. Two-way radios must be on at all time. It is a State Law that drivers can request payment in advance and she would like to see it included in the Bill of Rights. It should be OK by the drivers if the passenger wants to smoke in the taxicabs. She suggested that the drivers be able to turn on the radio stations at the driver's discretion.
- **Lt. Lorin, San Francisco Police Department:** He had two issues he wanted to address. 1. It is not illegal for passengers to smoke inside of taxicabs but the drivers can only smoke when he or she has no passengers in the taxicab. 2. He also suggested that taxicab drivers not talk on cellular phones while passengers are in their vehicles.

12. **HEARING AND POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF TAXICAB COLOR SCHEME HOLDER PERMIT HELD BY RICHARD HYBELS OF METRO CAB.**

Richard Hybel, Manager of Metro Cab: He is requesting the item be continued.

13. **APPROVAL OF FINDINGS RECOMMENDING SUSPENSION OF DRIVER PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMIT HELD BY RAMOND DEOCAREZA.**

Item continued for lack of a quorum.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, McGuire
NOES: None
ABSENT: Alunan, Leong
RECUSED: Wiener

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Wiener moved to adjourn at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya Banks
Commission Secretary

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8. Hearing to Consider Request by Philip H. Welch IV, Amy L. Welch and the Estate of Georgette Welch to Have Their Names Placed on Permit Nos. 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, and 691 Formerly Held by Mrs. Georgette Welch, In Lieu of the Permits Being Returned to the City and County of San Francisco. [ACTION] (Letter from Philip Ward; Memo from Exec. Dir.)
9. Hearing and Possible Approval of the Taxi Commission Introducing an Amendment to the Board of Supervisors of Municipal Police Code § 1135(a) that Allows Taxicab Drivers to Collect $2.00 from Rides that Originate at the Airport. [ACTION]
10. Hearing and Possible Suspension or Revocation of Taxicab Color Scheme Holder Permit Held by Abdul Rahimi of 49er Cab Company. [ACTION]
11. Approval of Findings Recommending Suspension of Driver Public Passenger Vehicle Permit Held by Raymond Deocareza. [ACTION] (Findings) (Continued from 11/6/02)
12. Adjournment.

Taxicab Commission Agenda
Regular Meeting
November 26, 2002, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Recommendation of the Police Taxicab Detail for approval of Driver Public Vehicle permits to:

Mofeed Alsiday	Hasan M.B. Bader	Bumdelger Batmunkh	Bob A. Conner
Wilson W. Dea	Jennifer I. Draper	Brian A. Girton, Jr.	Ahmed M. Hassan
Mohd A. Kashim	Heithem B. Khelifi	Ilya I. Krits	Nathan L. Lane
William A. Mabron, Jr.	Eliene D. Maciel	Enrique P. Mari	Munir U. Mirza
Fernando A. Motta	Mark V. Nguyen	William S. Pettus	Richard P. Phang
Martin T. Poon	Joao M.S. Rosa	Carson Smith	Ishaque M. Shaikh
Olson A.D. Silva	Zelia M.F.D. Santos	Surinder Singh	Aung Win

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3.	Jian Zhou	9068	Yellow Cab to Bay Cab

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Applicant	Cab #	Color Scheme
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Tony Dudum
Vladimir Vaksman

NEW COLOR SCHEME:
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Ocean Cab (Burgundy, White Lettering)

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PRESENT: Sweet; Gillespie; Breslin; Leong; McGuire

ABSENT: Alunan; Wiener

PRESIDENT SWEET CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:44 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little, Executive Director - Taxicab Commission; Captain Tom O'Neill, Lt. Bruce Lorin, Lt. Jeanne Schlotz, Sergeant Vince Simpson, Inspector Farrell Suslow – Taxicab Detail

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **Barry Taranto:** Would like the Commission to look into the procedure and policy of granting a time waiver. He feels that the time waivers create a lot of problems and discrepancies that should be resolved before the applicants comes before the Commission. The applicants who are applying for the medallion should have knowledge and know there is a huge responsibility before becoming a medallion holder. He would like to see doormen at various hotels stop receiving payment from taxicab drivers for passengers going to the airport.
- **Jim Kennedy:** The Paratransit Broker requires that there be 30 cabs at a company or join a dispatch company that have 30 cabs or more before they will cash paratransit scripts. This requirement is unfair. American Cab is losing money. The ramped taxi permit holders are now at the top of the medallion waiting list. They have completed the full 5 years requirement.
- **Tara Housman:** Wanted everyone to know that she was misquoted in two (2) newspaper articles. The quote was "Rule #1, you're in the job for the money, get the money; Rule #2, if you can't get the money then get their shoes;" This is the part that was omitted from the newspaper articles. "Rule #3, don't never take no one whose not wearing any shoes".
- **Jamie Maddox:** He wanted to express his thanks to the Commission and the voters of San Francisco for allowing people like himself to get licensed to operate their own taxicab which can lead to job security.
- **George England:** He disagrees with the gate and meter increase ordinance. He feels there is a lot of money going out of the taxi industry that is not being reported. Taxi drivers that actually do the work make less. Drivers should be compensated.
- **Ruach Graffis:** The Taxi Commission should think about getting a centralized dispatch service for the ramped taxi vehicles. The loss of one ramped taxi is very detrimental to the community.

- **Henry Kim, San Francisco Taxi Assoc.:** He respects George England, but San Francisco cab companies are not the enemy. He feels that Mr. England's frustration and that of other drivers' is misdirected. Taxicab companies are essential to driver's income and the City of San Francisco. Taxicab companies are the cardio vascular system of the city.
- **Peter Witt:** He wants to know who will protect the drivers, this Commission or Taxi Detail? He said there was misinformation delivered by Taxi Detail at the Mayor's Disability Council. The Taxi Detail informed him that if you had a complaint about service, you should attend the PCN Hearing. Questioned why does everything have to go through Taxi Detail. Use to love driving a taxicab until the City dumped 400 cabs onto the streets of San Francisco without doing any independent survey. This was strictly politically motivated. The taxi drivers have been misrepresented and what they need is a good driver representative.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2002 TAXICAB COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Breslin moved the minutes be approved. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, McGuire **ABSENT:** Alunan, Wiener
NOES: None

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Leong moved 5A and 5B of the consent calendar be approved. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, McGuire **ABSENT:** Alunan, Wiener
NOES: None

Commissioner Gillespie moved to continued 5C until further investigation could be completed by the Taxi Detail and to rescheduled 5C at the January 14, 2003 Taxi Commission Hearing. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, McGuire **ABSENT:** Alunan, Wiener
NOES: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Barry Taranto**: Concerned with Jack Dudum's application for a medallion. The applicant's application has discrepancies, missing and outdated information and has inconsistent waybills.
- **Lt. Bruce Lorin**: He spoke with the applicant and the general manager of the Color Scheme about the discrepancies on the applicant's application regarding the license plate number he used in April 2002 on his waybills. There was a full investigation by Officer Paul Makaveckas of the SFPD in October and to the Lieutenant's satisfaction Mr. Dudum and Town Taxi have given a good reason how it occurred. Mr. Jack Dudum has provided an updated medial information statement from his doctor, which states he remains in good health to operate a taxicab.
- **Mark Gruber**: He would like to hear what Jack Dudum has to say about the confusion on his application.

6. TAXICAB COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT & REQUESTES TO CALENDAR ITEMS

Commissioner Breslin: She had the opportunity to attend a discussion at the International Transportation Conference on the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights is as varied as every city that puts one forth. She is turning over all information she is receiving from different cities to Commissioner Leong.
Commissioner Gillespie: He enjoyed the Conference in San Diego with Commissioner Breslin and Executive Director Little. The question that came up tonight about Hotel's having arrangements with taxicab companies is going on in various cities around the country. Some hotels charge cab companies money just for letting their cab drivers service their hotels. The other issue was laws for limousine. He suggested getting control over the limousine situation in the State of California. Recommended working with Tom Dresler of Los Angeles who had suggestions on how it might happen. In New York City limousines are under the same jurisdiction as taxicabs. He also attend the Paratransit Annual Meeting, it was wonderful. He learned how important it is to service the disability community. At the meeting they held a recognition ceremony for some taxicab drivers who service that community. He was also asked to speak on behalf of taxicab drivers.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Tara Housman:** She feels that it is important to tape every Commission Hearing for Sunshine reasons and for drivers who cannot attend the hearing. However, the broadcasting needs to be discreet. She believes that disciplinary hearing should have some privacy and given consideration not to be Broadcast.
- **Peter Witt:** He feels that Commissioner Leong "opened up a can worms" regarding the Bill of Rights. He appreciates Commissioner Leong putting the Bill of Rights on the agenda, but needs more input from the driver representative. Limousines have to follow the law just like taxi drivers. In the early 90's there was a cheat sheet that the police had that outlined laws for limousines. Passengers cannot identify limousines because they do not have a license plate number or lights on the rear of the vehicle. He wrote a letter to PUC but had not received a response back.
- **XXXX:** He would like added to the Bill of Rights that taxicabs be allowed to use the carpool lanes. It would save time and aggravation for the drivers.

7. STAFF REPORT

Naomi Little, Executive Director: A. PC&N hearing is Tuesday, December 10, 2002. In the process of hiring an independent consultant to help determine the service and availability of taxis in San Francisco. Therefore, a study will not be ready for this PC&N hearing.

B. Gate and Meter Increase Legislation.
   1. Increases the mean gate fee cap to $91.50 per shift provided that certain conditions are fulfilled, and allowing for a sunset under certain circumstances.
      a. Taxi companies must turn in their financial statements to the Controller by April 1, 2003
      b. The right to charge the higher gate of $91.50 is contingent upon the taxi company providing proof of workers comp insurance.
      c. If the City fails to enact a long-term lease cap by August 1, 2003, then the higher gate shall expire.
      d. The higher gate shall expire if the City fails to enact a program by January 1, 2004 that would make a substantial and reasonable degree of health insurance or health benefits available to all taxi drivers. UNLESS the Controller certifies its is unfeasible for the City to establish such program.
         (1) Dr. Mitch Katz, Director of DPH, is committed to looking into health benefits provided by the City. This way, taxicab drivers with pre-existing conditions will have health benefits available to them. The cost of premiums is the big concern.
   2. Increase the rate for taxicabs to $2.85 for the first 1/5 of the mile (takes care of Mr. Rathbone's issue) and $0.45 for each 1/5 of a mile or one mine wait.
   3. Requires the Controller to recommend the mean gate based on the CPI, taxi companies' financial statements and local economic impacts on every even-numbered years;
   4. Provides for offsetting increase costs to the paratransit program arising from the meter fare increases.
      a. Last year, there were 807,598 one-way paratransit trips. Under the current meter rate, the average paratransit trip is $11, and for ramp taxicabs $12. The average distance is 4 miles. The new rate impact if the number of rides and the ride length remains constant would be $1,103,269.55. The Customer pays $110,326.96 (10%) and Muni (i.e. the General Fund) would pay $992,942.60 (90%).
      b. The extra $1.50 to the gate will cover this additional cost to the City.
      c. Muni will bill the taxicab companies for such increased costs on a monthly basis, based on the actual increased costs to the Paratransit Program. Once Muni calculates the incremental increase and divide that by the total number of medallions (1,381), Muni will then charge the company based on the number of permits at that company. For example:
         (1) Muni's increased costs due to the meter in January is $83,000. $83,000 divided by 1,381 = $60.10. A company with 100 medallions would owe $6,010. A company with 2 medallions would owe $ 120.20.
   5. Requires the Controller to recommend gate and meter rates when the Taxi Commission authorizes the issuance of additional taxi permits.

C. Safety Hearing is December 16, 2002 at 1:00 p.m., City Hall Room 421.

D. At the November 20th Board of Appeals Meeting the Commission decided to deny Vernon Liddell's appeal. Mr. Liddell has 10 days to request a rehearing. If he does not, then the medallion will return to the City immediately thereafter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Jim Kennedy**: He believes that Muni, Yellow Cab and Luxor Cab Companies are ripping off cab drivers with the gate and meter increase. He thinks that 50% of cab drivers don't even pick up paratransit because they don't get called and Muni doesn't except paratransit scripts because they don't have a contract. He believes that the million dollar insurance started when Muni came aboard. Muni is in the process of bankrupting the taxi industry.
- **Henry Kim**: He supports the gate and meter increase legislation that passed. This legislation looks into providing Health Insurance for all working taxicab drivers. In order for the legislation to pass, Color Schemes would have to subsidize Muni's increased costs. This provision will sunset in 3 years, but if Muni is able to get the money elsewhere it will end earlier. The increase isn't enough. It only pays bills that are already owed. He feels the increase should have been more.
- **Barry Taranto**: The legislation that passed had nothing to do with taxicab companies taking paratransit script. Furthermore, the $0.10 added to the flag drop increase goes to Muni and not to cover anyone's loss.
- **Mark Gruber**: He disagrees with Henry Kim's explanation of the gate and meter increase. He thinks that healthcare for taxicab drivers is the first of its kind. The meter increase can be justified. He suggested that the cab company's loss can be paid for by reduction of permit holders lease fees.

8. HEARING TO CONSIDER REQUEST BY PHILIP H. WELCH IV, AMY L. WELCH AND THE ESTATE OF GEORGETTE WELCH TO HAVE THEIR NAMES PLACED ON PERMIT NOS. 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, AND 691 FORMERLY HELD BY MRS. GEORGETTE WELCH, IN LIEU OF THE PERMITS BEING RETURNED TO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

This item is being continued until the "Call of the Chair".

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Jim Kennedy**: On December 17, 2002 the Ramped Taxi Permit Holders will have completed the five year obligation and will be placed at the top of the medallion waiting list. He believes that the eight (8) medallions held by the Welch family should be returned to the City and distributed to the Ramped Permit Holders.
- **Tara Housman**: The Welch Estate should not be allow to profit unnecessary because of the legal process. She thinks the permits should have been returned instead of the family receiving profits from the permits. She would like to see all the profits go into escrow while waiting for the legal process to be completed. If the Welches entitled to the medallions then the money can be released from escrow and returned to the Welch estate.

9. HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE TAXI COMMISSIN INTRODUCING AN AMENDMENT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MUNICIPAL POLICE CODE 1135(A) THAT ALLOWS TAXICAB DRIVERS TO COLLECT $2.00 FROM RIDES THAT ORIGINATE AT THE AIRPORT.

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10. HEARING AND POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF TAXICAB COLOR SCHEME HOLDER PERMIT HELD BY ABDUL RAHIMI OF 49ER CAB COMPANY.

This item was "Tabled". Mr. Abdul Rahimi fulfilled his requirement.

11. APPROVAL OF FINDINGS RECOMMENDING SUSPENSION OF DRIVER PUBLILC PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMIT HELD BY RAMOND DEOCAREZA.

Commissioner Breslin moved to approve the findings for Raymond Deocareza. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

AYES: Sweet, Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, McGuire **ABSENT:** Alunan, Wiener
NOES: None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Leong moved to adjourn at 8:21p.m. Commissioner Gillespie seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted
Sonya Banks, Commission Secretary

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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items not on the agenda)
4. Approval of the Minutes for the November 26, 2002 Taxicab Commission Meeting. [ACTION]
5. Approval of the Consent Calendar [ACTION]
6. Taxicab Commission Announcements & Requests to Calendar Items
7. Staff Report
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   a. Ed Burke, DeSoto Cab
   b. Ghanem Elmanshi, Regents Cab
   c. Laurie Graham, Yellow Cab
   d. Jack Johnstone, Veterans Cab
   e. Mohamed Kahn, Crown Taxi
   f. Ernest Karapetyan, Town Taxi
   g. Michael Rothstein, Yellow Cab
   h. Paul Turner, Luxor Cab
9. Annual Public Convenience and Necessity Hearing for Taxicabs. Possible Action to adopt Commission Resolution declaring Public Convenience and Necessity. (Correspondence from the Public.)
10. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Taxi Commission Special Acknowledgement of *TAXI MANUAL: The Zen of Successful Taxi Driving*, authored by Michael Santee, Round Robin Press. [ACTION] (Digest submitted by Michael Santee)
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NEW COLOR SCHEME: *None*

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2.	*Abdel Ibraheim*	*1110*	*Bayshore Cab to Ocean Cab*

Notice of Hearing Scheduled for January 14, 2003

Hearing and Approval of a Resolution Adopting Procedures for Calculating and Collecting Appropriate Sums from Color Scheme Permitholders to Offset the Increased Monthly Costs of Paratransit Script Incurred by the Paratransit Program Due to Increase Meter Rate Fare for Taxicabs pursuant to MPC § 1137.5.

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Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Gillespie; Breslin; Leong; McGuire; Wiener

ABSENT: Sweet

VICE PRESIDENT GILLESPIE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:40 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Naomi Little, Executive Director - Taxicab Commission; Captain Thomas O'Neill, Lt. Jeanne Schlotz, Lt. Bruce Lorin, Sergeant Vince Simpson, Inspector Farrell Suslow – Taxicab Detail

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL – The Roll Call showed a quorum was present.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **Stephen Reimer, Yellow Taxi:** Like to see the elimination of downtown parking deliveries after 6:00 pm, taxicabs should be able to stop during commute hours. Would like to see long-term cab drivers receive medallions and wishes that there could be a seniority clause in Prop. K.
- **Barry Taranto:** The applicant on the Consent Calendar should do well in this industry unlike the applicant at the last hearing. Drivers have at least 65 more days to enjoy the Fell Street off ramp because there will be a freeway breaking on February 15, 2003 for the new off ramp on Market Street and Octavia Street. Thanked President Sweet for her message on Safety Measures. The impact the cameras will have on drivers and passengers safety are good and also for driver privacy.
- **Ed Burke:** He had two wishes for the New Year. 1.) For Taxicabs to be able to make more left turns where they are currently unable. If Muni is able to make left turns then so should taxicabs. 2.) He would like to see more taxi stands downtown so that more people will have better access to using taxicabs.
- **Peter Witt, Yellow Cab:** He is a native San Franciscan. He has been driving for 14 years and still does not have a medallion. His name was close to Commissioner McGuire on the medallion waiting list. He is confused as to how some taxi drivers have been driving for 20 years and have not received a medallion yet and how some people who don't drive receive a medallion. Taxi Detail is supposed to collect the medallion and reissue them. It is Taxi Detail's responsibility to also cite limousine drivers for infractions not only taxicab drivers. He also wanted to know why the meter is being increased? Whatever happened to better service and quality? Who sets

the standards and who enforces them? The City should rethink its policies.

- **George England:** He would like to see fairness in the taxi industry. Has been driving for 20 years and is still not getting a pension. Why aren't medallion holders and the drivers that lease the cabs sharing in the total cost of operating the cabs? Would like to see the old medallion list used where the older drivers are on top and younger drivers is at the bottom of the list. There are flaws in Prop. K and would like to see them addressed. Medallion holders should be full time working cab drivers. If business is down why are we allowing the taxi companies to increase fees? Since the meters have been increased then why are we allowing paratransit to make up their loss out of the taxi drivers pockets? If cab drivers were real independent contractors then we would all have our medallions. Medallion holders should generate a way to get new business into the industry when business is slow. He would like to see that cab drivers get more respect within the industry.
- **Jean Michel Normand:** The way to improve the taxicab situation in San Francisco is not to put more taxis on the streets, but to improve the services that already exist. Prop. K was supposed to give ownership of the medallions to the working cab drivers. He had been on the medallion waiting list since 1997 and his name has not moved up.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 26, 2002 TAXICAB COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Leong moved the minutes be approved. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener — **ABSENT:** Sweet
NOES: None — **RECUSED:**

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Wiener moved the approval of Consent Calendar A; B1, 2, 4, 6; C; D. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener — **ABSENT:** Sweet
NOES: None — **RECUSED:**

Commissioner Wiener moved the approval of the Consent Calendar B3. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, Wiener — **ABSENT:** Sweet
NOES: None — **RECUSED:** McGuire

Commissioners Breslin moved the approval of the Consent Calendar B5. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, McGuire — **ABSENT:** Sweet
NOES: None — **RECUSED:** Wiener

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Tara Housman:** Concerned about not being able to see the actual color of the color scheme.

6. TAXICAB COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUEST TO CALENDAR ITEMS

Commissioner Leong: Praised the Taxi Detail for their limousine and out of town taxicab enforcement.
Commissioner Breslin: Would like to see a follow up on the recognition awards ceremony. Recommended through the chair that the Commission issue a press release about the awards ceremony. It is very important to educate the public to what is going on in the taxi industry. Wishes everyone a Safe Holiday.
Commissioner Wiener: Suggested having an awards ceremony at least two or four times a year. Would like see a brief description of what the honorees were being honor for. He wished everyone Season's Greeting. If you are having a festive holiday remember to take a taxicab.
Commissioner Gillespie: Thanked Commissioner Alunan for serving almost a year on the Taxi Commission. Commissioner Alunan served many years as an advocate of paratransit and the disabled community. Commissioner Alunan is also a good friend and San Francisco's loss is Sacramento gain.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- XXXX: The recent death of a yellow cab driver raised questions about Taxi Industry Wrap Taxi Fund availability. The funds should be accessible for short-term family problems. For example, to the families of drivers who have passed away.

7. STAFF REPORT

Naomi Little, Executive Director: 1.) Announced Sergio Alunan is no longer a Taxi Commissioner. He officially moved out of the City and County of San Francisco on November 30, 2002. 2.) The December 24, 2002 Taxi Commission Meeting is cancelled. 3.) For all Color Schemes and Dispatch Services, the Taxi Commission issued a new emergency procedure plan standard. In accordance with Rule 5.A.3, every Color Scheme by February must review and distribute a copy of their Dispatch Service Standard Emergency Plan to all drivers that operate under the Color Scheme. The Color Schemes shall obtain a written acknowledgement from each driver that includes their name, signature and date of training. 4.) Effective December 2, 2002, the Airport's new taxi lot hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. From midnight to 1:00 a.m. the main taxi lot will be closed and taxis will be dispatched to the terminals from the center overflow lot.

8. TAXI COMMISSION DRIVER APPRECIATION AWARDS CEREMONY HONORING:

a. Ed Burke, DeSoto Cab
b. Ghanem Elmanshi, Regents Cab
c. Laurie Graham, Yellow Cab
d. Jack Johnston, Veterans Cab
e. Mohammed Khan, Crown Taxi
f. Ernest Karapetyan, Town Taxi
g. Michael Rothstein, Yellow Cab
h. Paul Turner, Luxor Cab

9. ANNUAL PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY HEARING FOR TAXICABS. POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT COMMISSION RESOLUTION DECLARING PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.

Commissioner Gillespie moved that the commissioners would not take action on the Public Convenience and Necessity Hearing until January 28, 2003.

THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPT OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT (NOT A SUMMARY)

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Keith Raskins:** My name is Keith Raskins owner of World Wide Cab. Let me start by wishing you all a good holiday and a safe holiday season. I'm not excited about being first but the things I like to say is that I have read the notes and letters that were submitted by the drivers. This conversation that has been going on for decades now with the PC&N hearing. What I'd like to see happen are some standards and clear definition about what it is we're doing here. I like to see standards about what quality services is, so when we talk about service, what we really can define what service is on the different level. 1.) Are the passenger being served, what does that mean? Of course there's the different time of day and time of year. We can chronologies what it is we are actually doing. Do the drivers have a variable job? Is there enough money? Is the economy so poor for the drivers to do their job and are the drivers getting everything they should be getting in terms of quality cars, quality management, health care and all the other issues that we are concern about. Even though I'm a company owner, my first level of concern is for the passenger. I feel if the passenger is being served then the drivers are going to be served. But most importantly the thing is that we need to be able to define what that is and that will enable us to detach the emotional aspect aside and make some clear rationale decision about the number of cabs.
- **Olivo Dallagiacoma, Yellow Cab and Medallion Holder:** I have been driving 21 years and I think the public right now is being served excellently. Yellow Cab this summer improved its dispatch system (but please correct me if I'm wrong here or mistaken because you work there too) with GPS. Now, in the past the GPS was such that we were using the zone system which mean taxi drivers were actually waiting in the zone to be given orders and at that time often the order was locked in the computer for 5 to 10 minutes going nowhere, just sitting there waiting to be dispatched. But right now I ringing people's doorbells within 3 minutes after they call, this is great. Over and over I hear people saying "my god you are here so quickly" and I say "yes, we've improved our system and now the order is sent directly to us and not in a zone situation". So because of the down turning in the economy the residents of San Francisco is being served now better than ever. Also, Yellow Cab is working on a situation where (maybe I shouldn't say this because it's not in effect yet) but the answering system for people that are calling in will be addressed so that will be a lot faster as well. And hopefully that will be implemented within

the next 2 to 3 months. So in terms of the public being served, in my 21 years I never seen it served so well as now for people calling in from the neighborhoods, as I go out there to pick them up.

- **Bruce Oka:** Good evening Commissioners my name is Bruce Oka and I like to talk about what I think would be a mistake would be to issue more taxis. From what I've been hearing since 911 the economy as gone South as we all know and I been taking lots of cabs over the years and the services has gotten better generally and particularly for ramp taxi services. It has gotten a lot faster service. However, I also take regular cabs quite frequently and I think one of the things I don't want to see is that there be too many cabs, so that the current drivers get their business cut into. So, if we are going to increase any cab services at all it should only be in ramp services and nowhere else. I think right now we're in a situation where we might need a few more ramps but right now I'm not hearing as many complaints about ramp service being bad. So I would think that we would be making a mistake if we issue more regular cabs. I know that some may want it and some feel that we need it but believe me I'm out there and the services is good enough right now and I don't think we should hurt the workers by issuing more cabs than we need.
- **Henry Kim, San Francisco Taxi Association:** First I'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. As you know oue association is made up of all the major cab companies. We have about 1,000 medallions in our prospective fleet under our association and we are not recommending the issuing of any new taxi permits at this time. I think you'll find that almost all the disparate groups within our industry are all in agreement on this and that should tell you something. We do not feel there is a need at this time to issue one more taxi permit. Thank you.
- **Joseph Fleischman:** Speaking on behalf of the San Francisco Taxi Permit Holders and Drivers Association. What I'm addressing here is the question of these holding 500 cabs in abeyance just in case we might need them soon. So that they become approved and at anytime you can start putting cabs out. That was done last year and also the previous year. I understand there's a motion in front of us to do this once more. We have a situation where the companies aren't filling shifts. There are too many cabs that are idol on the lots and those that are not idol are circling the city empty and they are doing this more than half of the time. Companies can't pay their bills; drivers can't pay their rent and too many experienced drivers are now leaving the industry. The San Francisco Controllers office tells us what every cab driver knows, that is we have far too many cabs right now. Now, if that is undeniable true, exactly what is the motivation of adding 500 more cabs or even to consider adding 500 more cabs? You say that you want to approve them and keep them waiting on the horizon just in case the economy rebounds but no recovery happened over night and our Bay Area economy is so weak that any measurable recovery will unfold over time and not happen all at once. And since the Taxi Commission can have a PC&N hearing anytime it wants one there will always be ample time to adjust to a changing economy. Should the economy expand at some unforeseen time in the future the question to how to respond would be the topic for a hearing at that time. But for this PC&N hearing it would send the wrong message to our drivers and for the rest of our already demoralized industry if we are once again threaten with an additional 500 cabs. Please take this threat out of the picture and simply rule no more cabs are needed at this time and leave it at that. And finally, there is still another reason for not holding 500 cabs over our heads PC&N is a time for decisions that are based on verifiable evidence, exactly how is the 500 number derived and what evidence show the need for 500 cabs. By approving any number of cabs in advance of their verifiable need corrupts this PC&N process. Thank you.
- **Barry Taranto:** Good evening Commissioners. I want to first say I'm pretty honored to be in this room tonight. We have two Ed Burke's in the same room at the same time, for many many years. I wanted to say that the PC&N hearing this year is different than in past years. Alike last year though it is held the last meeting of the year and I don't think that's right. So now we're waiting until January until a decision is made. Does that mean that you will be killing two birds with one stone? You'll be making a decision for 2002 and making a decision for 2003? I believe there may be some legal requirement of making a decision this year for 2002 and anything you hold regarding the issuance of new medallions that's held next year covers next year. The evidence out there shows and the data that you already have in front of you shows that we don't need any more taxis. You have the Paratransit Customer Satisfaction Study which shows that they are satisfied except over last year. Ramp taxi drivers are not providing as good of service as last year and we may need to look at that. The airport records, if you look, it shows that we have had the worst time since 1994 in terms of airport exits. That says something. It says where are all the tourist and conventioneers? So that should be an answer within itself. The next issue is that you also have a letter from GGRA, Golden Gate Restaurant Association, saying "we understand the 500 permits authorize by the Taxi Commission in October 2000 remains in the ERI process. We encourage the planning department to consider emerging technology in the area of hybrid and alternative fuel vehicle during the ERI process". So I am saying is that this 500 cabs which was approved two years ago and they even agree that we don't any more cabs now. Why do you have to keep this hanging over our heads? You come back next year look at better prepare studies and look at the economy and then decide at that time. So we're sitting here twiddling our thumbs being stress out over whether this is ever going to happen, please make a decision to take that apart. I believe that legally you cannot actually continue from one year to another like this. I believe this should be checked into. And also, I would like to say that the focus should be next year and this year on improving service,

better use of cabs through dispatch, better training and the sharing of unfilled orders. I believe we need to look at the stock we have now and how we can improve. Thank you very much and again happy holidays and a prosperous New Years.

- **Ruach Graffis with the United Taxicab Workers**: No one keeps track of how much money drivers make, no one tallies up our income from our waybills or meter reading. As drivers, we all know that our income is down individually but without hard facts it is hard, impossible to know how much it is down by the aggregate. No the less we do have some figures, which shed some light on this issue. At times of peak need we're handling the business very well except for the time of peak needs. We were even three years ago handling the business very well. Let me grab your attention to a little of hard facts that we do have: Taxi pick up at the airport are down 31.3 percent since 2000, these are the people who are most likely to take taxis once they are in town. In '97 to '98 each cab was picking up an average of 1,223 rides at the airport which represent roughly $37,913 per cab. In the same time frame between 2001-2002 each cab only had 855 pick-ups or $26,505 per cab. That's a loss of roughly $8,408 per cab, which actually under states the problem. Cab drivers used to wait about an hour at the airport but now waits of two or three hours are not unusual. A shorter wait at the airport meant we were back in the city faster picking up local making more money in town. Why would drivers wait 3 hours at the airport now? Because of nights like last Sunday night when I took four rides between 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. supposedly the hot dinner hours. None of those four rides were long rides. My total for the night 15 rides in 8 hours. Another place we have real figures is the number of dispatched calls received, those are down 10.8 % since 2000. To no one surprise local business is down. Last Sunday I only took one radio call although I came in on many others. The next page is pretty self-explanatory. Hotel occupancy rate "down". The Visitor Volume Center is down 23.5 percent. Office vacancy rate is currently running about 17.2 %. I'm sure Walter Schinstein doesn't want more office buildings built. We appreciate the letter from former Commissioner Costello saying "we don't need more cabs". We don't, please help us.
- **Mark Gruber**: Good evening Commissioners. I think it's screamingly obvious that we don't need more cabs at this point. But I want to address myself to is the 500 cabs that were previously approved and with all due respect to this commission I believe that the decision last year to hang on to that number in the face of horrendous economic conditions was just a bit a slight of hand on the part of the commission. The reason I say that is that the commission is bound to follow the law. I'm referring to Section 1079 of the Police Code, which says that "to approve more cabs you have to have clear and convincing evidence that those cabs are needed". Didn't exist last year doesn't exist this year. The law also says that "there have to be a PC&N Hearing at least once a year, you can have it more often, but it has to be once a year. And if further goes on to say that the declaration that you make of Public Convenience and Necessity shall have continuing force and affect until the next subsequence Police Commission well now it Taxi Commission Hearing on Public Convenience and Necessity". This is a very very clear statement that you have to decide from year to year or from PC& N Hearing to PC&N Hearing how many cabs are needed you can't just hang on to the 500 and the hope that sometime in the future there going to be needed. That is not what you are required to do by law. If you feel that any cabs are needed this year, then you have to make that decision and that finding those cabs are going to be needed within the next year or until the next PC&N hearing and if you find that no cabs are needed you just can't hold legally hold on to that 500 number. So I urge you to dump it and just come out forth rightfully and say what everybody knows, we don't need any more cabs. The other thing, in concluding, I want to say that there is something that I do agree with in the Golden Gate Restaurant Association letter and that is the statement that "We hope the Taxi Industry will take the opportunity to improve services to all San Francisco neighborhoods especially those farthest from downtown". We are at the bare bones of our ability at this point to make a living and it service isn't good enough than other things need to be done and I wish this Commission would address itself to that point. Thank you.
- **Jean Michel Normand**: I just like to say behind Mark and try to make sense, so I say, first is at the last PC&N hearing here it was a political battle. It was just a political battle it was not based on science or we need more taxis because this this this. And one question was not answered that you have to answer this year because if not it means that all those years would have been totally unnecessary and super... to thing that you have to do is to realize that you address service not by the number of cabs but the way it is worked out. It means the driver, it means the dispatch that the cab does not equal one cab. One cab is a good driver, experienced driver who play the radio and want to work taxi to feed his family and work it tireless with wit intelligent and understanding of the life of this city. It not at all as a taxi on loan, on a monthly lease with someone who doesn't want to play the radio who just want to sleep and put long hours, 24 hours behind the wheel to make very very little money that not the way to work, that not the professional way to work. So what my point is address the quality of service not the quantity, we say that for many years and then when we address the quality you get some real answers, better information for drivers, better recognition of cab drivers as a vital part of the life of this city. So we need benefits; we need protection as any American work has. And also of course to go on in details with the question of dispatch and to serve the neighborhoods who are out of the easy money. So my point is why don't you eternally or in public or whatever ask yourself what can we do as the Taxi Commission as a political power or whatever it is in this city. What can we do to improve service that would improve radio dispatch, taxicab driver

information and professional ability and also inform the public of this wonderful.....

- **Peter Witt**: Good evening again Commission, Peter Witt native San Franciscan. I surveyed over 4,500 customers, that 4,500 customers in the last 5 years. This Commission has a copy of each one of those surveys. Untainted and they say in the first, and near the second quarter of this year, they say it is hard to get a cab on Friday and Saturday night and at rush hour it still hard to get a cab. Okay it was'nt done yesterday but it was done this year. Even when services is better than average bigger seem better even after a poor economy. Even after 9-11, even after you added 60 percent more cabs in four years. They don't seem to care about the rest of the week. Now this is the general public, this is not the Hotel Restaurant Association, this is not the Hotel Industry, Hospitality Industry, and this is the public, the general public. Now I'd like to enlighten the general public a little bit if I may, this is not a new problem. Everywhere in the world it's hard to get a cab on a Friday and Saturday night and at rush hour. This is a problem that will never go away. This a problem that can be relieved but only if you think outside the box that you've put drivers in. What happen to peak time cabs three years ago, excuse me that was four years ago? What happen to cab pooling three years ago and what happen to taxi stands? We, the drivers, have never been represented well here. If you surveyed the drivers you could find that out. And probably an unacceptable rating no doubt. By focusing, excuse me, by not focusing or clarifying what you mean by market and service you've over simplified the problem and you just add more cabs. That seems to be the silver bullet. This is a disservice to this community and it has been for four years now. You know we didn't approve 500 cabs last year, we approved them two years ago just after you added 60% more cabs. As far as evidence is concerned you never based any. That was never based on evidences it was based on antidote testimony. When you ignore surveys, you based your finding on antidote testimony.
- **Mike Mouskoualtakis**: Hi ladies and gentlemen, it's nice to be here. I drive a taxi 24 years for San Francisco. And I tell you the truth. A lot of cab drivers here says we don't need more taxis. I come here tonight and I tell you only the truth. I drive sometimes at nighttime and sometimes daytime, but most times I drive from 5:00 to 3:00 in the morning. So believe me, sometimes from 5 to 7 or 7:30, not one penny. On Market Street 30 cars up and down on Geary Street 25 cars up and down and Post Street same thing. The main street in San Francisco is Union Street. You need 5 – 6 hours to make the gate of $90.00 and $90.00 for the gasoline. Not easy to make $90 or $100 every day. Some cab drivers make money because they have regular customers and they pick up the customers and also they steal from the handicapped people. Lot of people does that. I have a people, old people that says to me "that cab driver yesterday took everything from me", like the paratransit tickets. I say I cannot do that, I never cheat, and I never steal from anybody. Now sometimes I drive Saturday night too, sometimes after 3:00 a.m. when the bars close and night clubs you see lots of people on the street, but after 10 to 15 minutes all the people are gone because 15-16 hundred cars in San Francisco. So there are too many cars, I tell you the truth. So no way in the world should you put more cars on the street. Thank you very much.
- **George England, Luxor Cab**: Good evening again, George England Luxor Cab Driver. Well, I just want to reiterate what Mr. Witt said about the 500 cabs that are in abeyance or actually those that were approved two years ago and then re-approved or held in abeyance. Lets make a decision about this, the year is almost over. You people can make a decision tonight. Get rid of them. You can have a hearing next month and approve 10,000 if you want. You have control of everything you want to do. And if there is any indication of a need for more cabs, have a hearing, schedule it, let the people come in and say we don't more and them put them out anyway, if the condition indicate that, get rid of them make a decision. The only people that you're hurting are the people that are on the list that maybe are close enough that they have some feeling that maybe there going to get a medallion and if they working drivers, I agree, they deserve it, but we all deserve it. Those of us that have put our years in on the list or not. That's got to be addressed one of these days you will. Anyway, those people that are up there that may be if you put more cabs out on the street in spite of there not being the business to support it they're going to benefit. They're going to start getting their subsidies check what could be better. And they don't have to work as much and they go out into the country maybe another country and live. They got somebody that's going to back them up. Okay, the other people you're hurting are the working cab drivers that don't, maybe their way down on the list, maybe they not on the list at all, you're going to hurt them cause here's this 500 holding over there head. Get rid of it, be done with it, give yourselves a break and next year start again. And if the condition are really there to indicate there's a need for more have a hearing, put more cabs out, but I don't think there going to be there for quite a while. In the spring, in the summer I don't know, right now it's holiday time, it ought to be really busy, it's not that busy. And wait till the winter really get here in January, February, I'm glad I'm retired and on Social Security benefit. Thank you very much.

10. **HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A TAXI COMMISSION SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TAXI MANUAL: THE ZEN OF SUCCESSFUL TAXI DRIVING, AUTHORED BY MICHAEL SANTEE, ROUND ROBIN PRESS.**

Michael Santee: Gave a presentation overview of his book "The Zen of Successful Taxi Driving".

Commissioner Wiener moved the item to be continued. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, McGuire, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Sweet
RECUSED:

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Jean Michel Normand:** Read Michael Santee's first book. This book should be pushed to the drivers and the public to read. Would like for everyone to know how cab drivers operate.
- **Stephen Reimers, Yellow Cab:** The answer to better services is better cab drivers. We have enough cabs already on the streets. The most conflicts arrive from drivers not wanting to go into certain neighborhoods. The book may help drivers on how to get the best out of their shifts and he suggested maybe a testing for the drivers.

11. **HEARING AND POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF TAXICAB COLOR SCHEME HOLDER PERMIT HELD BY JAMES O'CONNOR OF NATIONAL CAB COMPANY.**

Dan Hines, General Manager of National Cab: He informed the Commission that National Cab has a firm commitment to obtain the necessary insurance within 30 days.

Commissioner Wiener moved to continue this item providing that National Cab is in compliance before the next Commission Hearing scheduled for January 14, 2003. Commissioner Breslin seconded the motion.

AYES: Gillespie, Breslin, Leong, Wiener
NOES: None
ABSENT: Sweet
RECUSED: McGuire

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Ruach Graffis:** She knows of another company that does not carry workers compensation insurance. It is required to have this type of insurance in order to take paratransit scripts. Would like to see National Cab fulfill their obligations of having the correct amount of insurance.
- **Jim Gillespie, DeSoto:** He knows that National Cab has been looking for the adequate insurance, but hasn't received any offers yet. Would like the Commission to give National Cab Company a 30-day continuance to obtain the necessary insurance.

12. **HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE TAXI COMMISSION RULES & REGULATIONS PENALTY FINE SCHEDULE BY ADDING FINES TO RULES 4.A.1, 4.A.2, 4.A.3, 4.A.4, 4.A.19, 5.A.1, 5.A.2, 5.A.4, 6.A.1, 6.F.4, 6.G.1, 6.G.4, 7.A.1, 7.A.2, 7.A.6, 8.A.1 AND 9.A.8.**

Sergeant Vince Simpson, SFPD Taxi Detail: Gave a presentation on Rules and Regulations Penalty Fines.

Commissioner Wiener moved to approve the amendment to the Taxi Commission Rules and Regulations Penalty Fines. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Barry Taranto:** Applauded the Taxi Detail on the high fines for driving under the influences, it is important for the Health and Safety issues. The Taxi Commission's priorities are mixed up due to some fines being too low and others too high. Would like to see medallion holders and color scheme holders be held to a higher standard than the regular drivers because medallion and color scheme holders have more responsibility for the safety of the vehicles.
- **Ruach Graffis:** Rule 7.A.6 regarding "each course shall issue a certificate of completion upon receiving a

passing score" these fines are too excessive. If a person received the certification of completion when they did not actual complete the course, that this is consider fraud. Maybe reversing the fines of 7.A.1. (Driver Training Course) to 7.A.6. (Certificate of Completion).

13. Adjournment

Commissioner Wiener moved to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. Commissioner Leong seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Commission Secretary

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